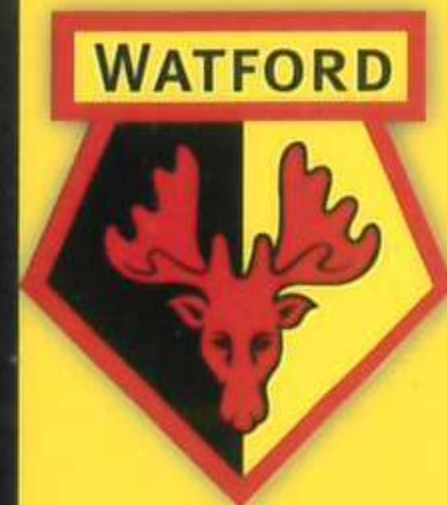


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And although we didn't end up with all three points at Middlesbrough, there were some very positive signs for me in terms of the players really accepting the responsibility handed to them and really focusing in on the team's priorities.

Last year showed us that we are a side that is always learning and looking to improve, so I am expecting this season to be no different.

We have a squad of players which is hungry to do well for you. The passion of over 600 of our fans to get all the way up to Middlesbrough to support us showed the players how much everyone really wants the team to succeed.

We are just as passionate about putting in good performances for everyone to enjoy. That way, we should hope that results will be



Gianfranco
ZOLA
head coach



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kind to us if we have given our best to the game.

We will certainly be tested once again today. The challenges never stop in this Championship and in Bolton Wanderers we will be up against a club with plenty of Premier League experience.

It seems to me as if their squad is just beginning to show what it is really capable of, so they will have our full respect as we

prepare for the match.

Welcome first of all to Dougie Freedman, Bolton's manager. I wish him every success after today's game. And welcome to Dougie's staff and players, along with the fans of Bolton who have made the long journey to be here at Vicarage Road. I wish everyone connected with our opponents a safe journey back today.

We were here training at the stadium last week and we saw how much the work had moved forward with the new East Stand.

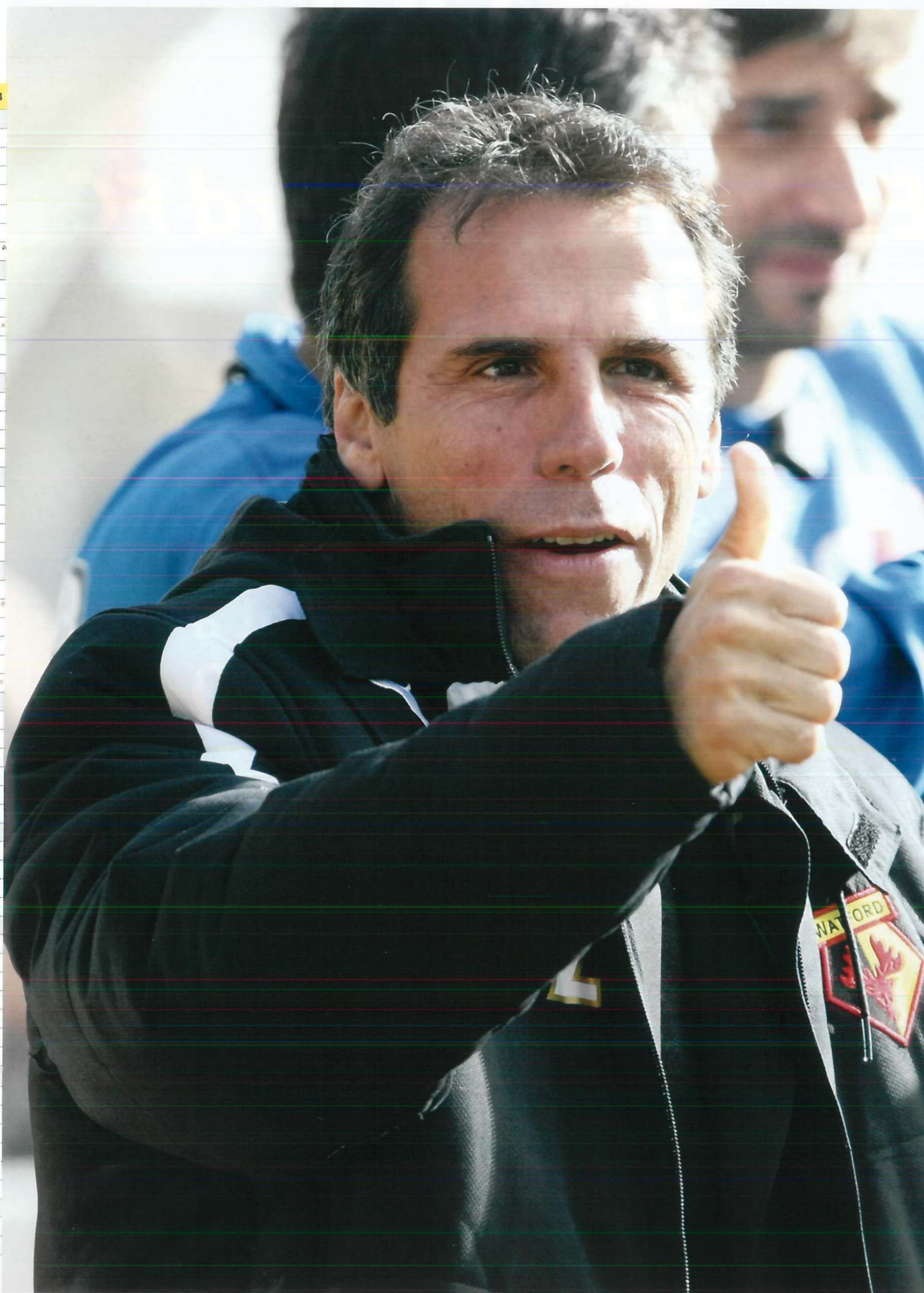
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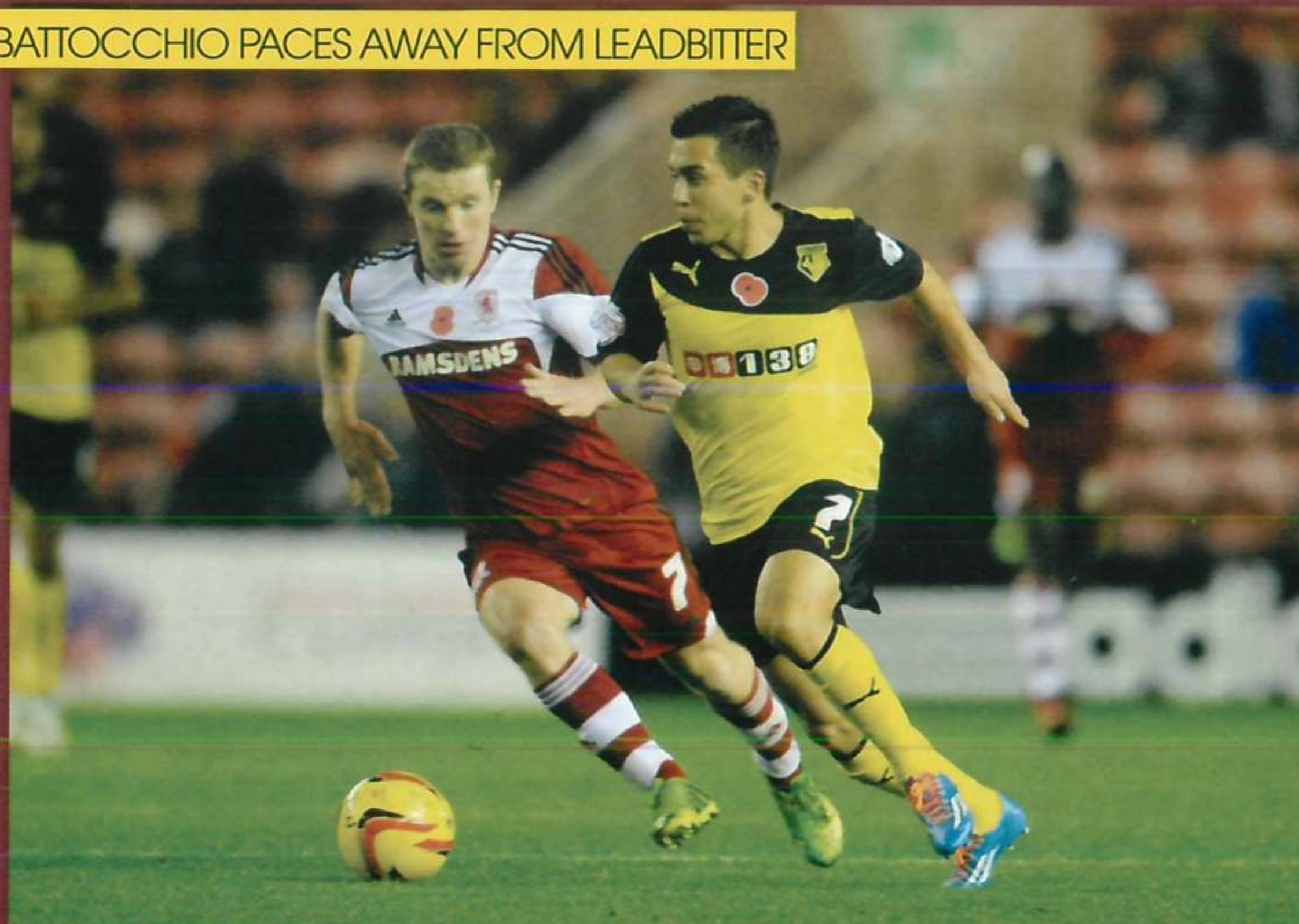
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DEENEY MARKS HIS SEVENTH OF THE SEASON WITH A SALUTE

BATTOCCHIO PACES AWAY FROM LEADBITTER



GOALMOUTH ACTION

12 STEELE PUSHES FARAONI'S SHOT WIDE AFTER AN EXCELLENT MCGUGAN PASS

23 GOAL! 1-0! ADOMAH COLLECTS WILLIAMS' BACKHEEL AND BLASTS INSIDE THE NEAR POST

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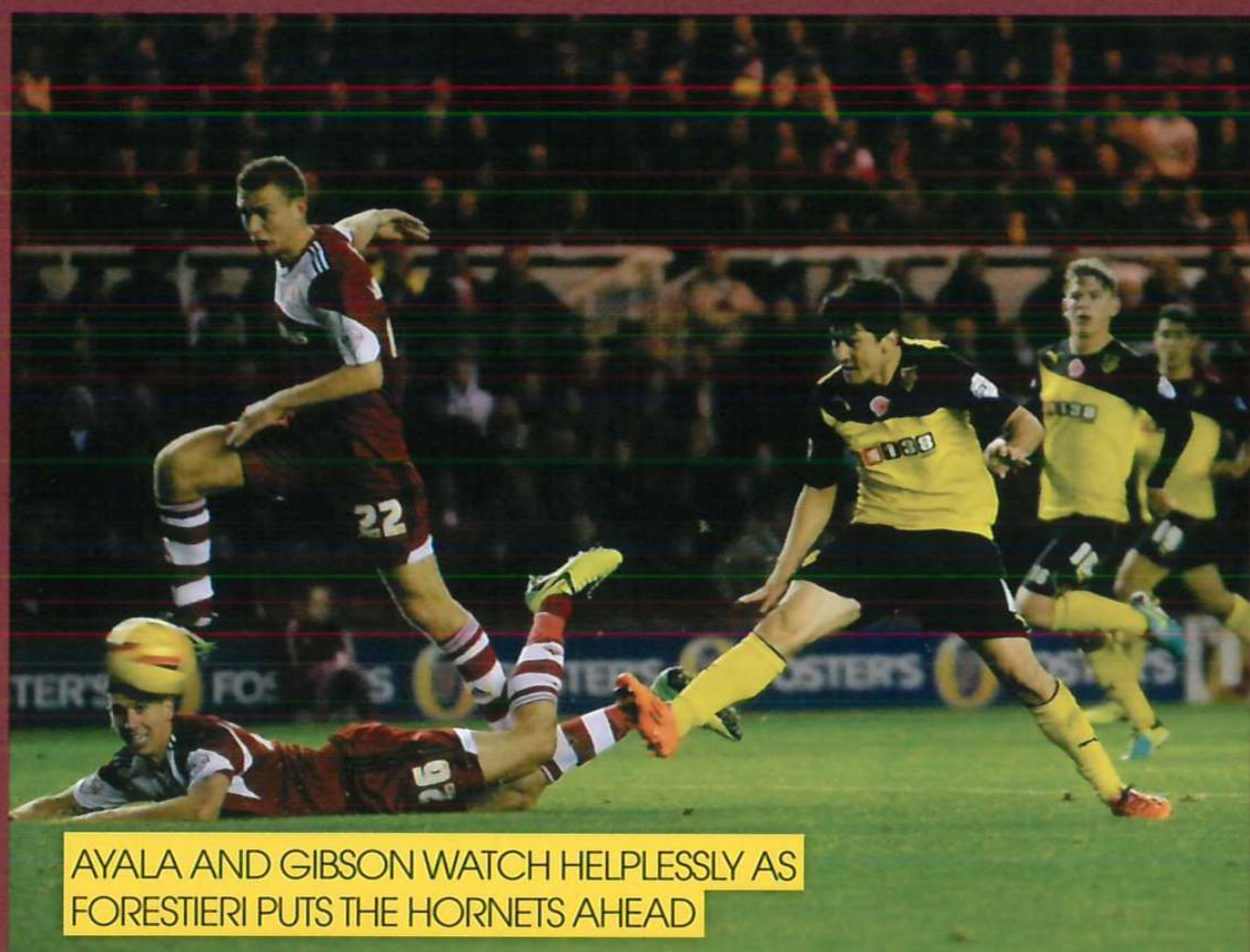
41 PUDIL MISSES THE TARGET AFTER BEING SET UP BY MCGUGAN

73 GOAL! 1-2! AYALA FAILS TO DEAL WITH DEENEY'S BALL AND FORESTIERI FINDS THE FAR CORNER

79 MURRAY AIMS FOR THE TOP CORNER BUT SHOOTS JUST OVER STEELE'S BAR

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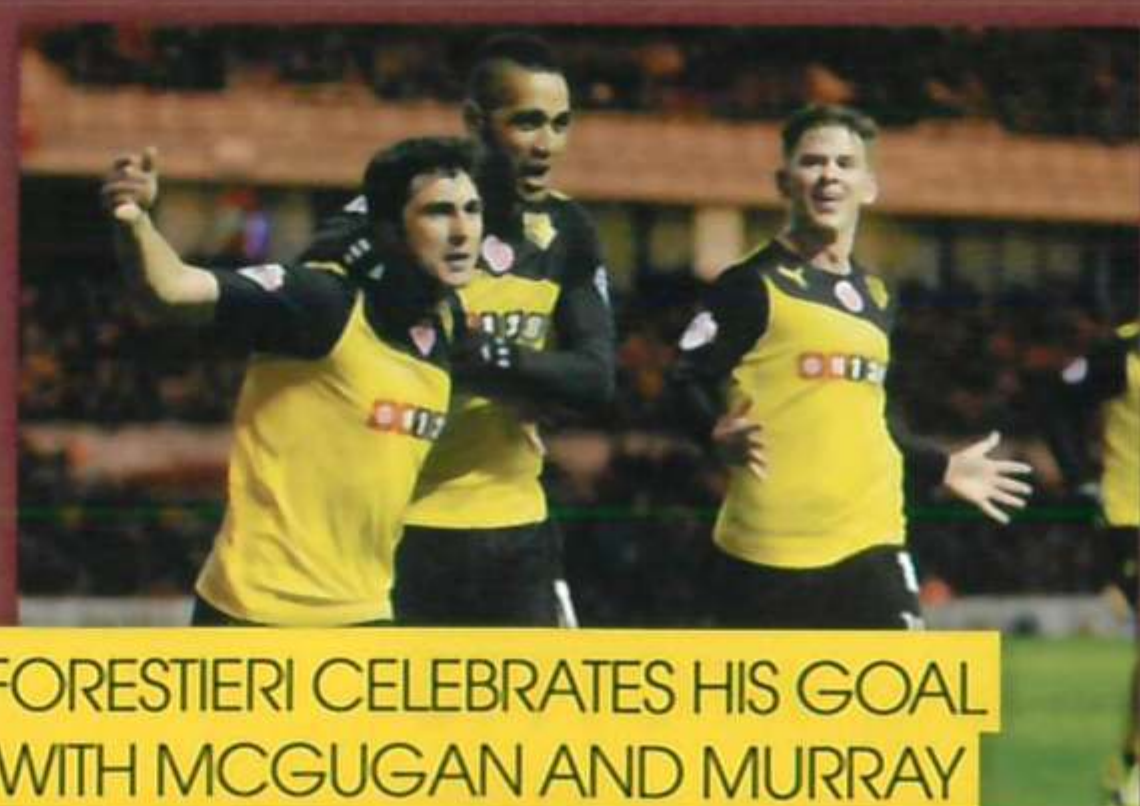
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AYALA AND GIBSON WATCH HELPLESSLY AS FORESTIERI PUTS THE HORNETS AHEAD



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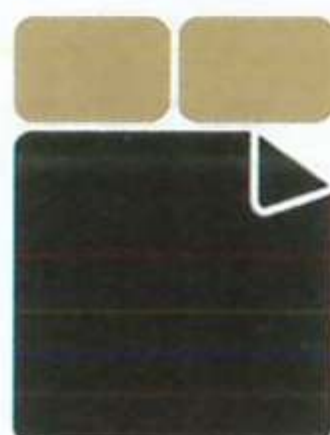


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DID YOU KNOW?

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Bolton Wanderers



With almost a third of the season complete already, it's been a tough old time for Bolton Wanderers after 15 games of their Sky Bet Championship campaign.

Much was still expected of Dougie Freedman's men in the new season, based on an impressive charge after Christmas which brought them agonisingly close to a Play-Off spot in 2012/13.

Leicester City's superior goal difference was all that separated the Trotters from a post-season push for the Premier League, 10 wins and four draws in their last 17 games proving just short of what was required.

After a slow start, a similar push might be necessary if the Lancashire outfit are to be in the mix come the end of the season.

It wasn't until the 11th league game that Wanderers secured their first win of the campaign, and last time out against Millwall at the Reebok was the first time the home fans were able to celebrate a victory.

However, November, so far, has seen maximum points gained from a trip to Bournemouth and the win against the Lions.

Despite still sitting closer to the foot than the head of the Championship table in 17th place, optimism is increasing in the ranks of Freedman's Lilywhites having alleviated the pressure with two vital wins.

It's indicative of the competitiveness of this league that despite their 10-game winless



run at the start of the season, Bolton remain only eight points away from the Play-Off positions, with 31 fixtures still to play.

Their talented squad, blessed with Premier League experience in the likes of Zat Knight, Jermaine Beckford, David N'Gog and others, will feel that if they can put a run together, they are as qualified as anyone to make one of the three promotion spots their own.

Like Derby County and Leicester before them, Wanderers arrive at Vicarage Road full of confidence, and the Hornets may have to be at their very best this afternoon if they are to get back to winning ways.

Club Factfile

Formed: 1874

Nickname: The Trotters

Ground: Reebok Stadium

Capacity: 28,723

Colours: White and blue

Honours: FA Cup, 1923, 1926, 1929, 1958; Second Division, 1908/09, 1977/78, 1996/97; Third Division, 1972/73; FA Charity Shield, 1958.

Meet the Manager Dougie **FREEDMAN**

As a player, Freedman registered more than 350 appearances during his two spells with Crystal Palace, scoring 95 goals over a 10-year period, before eventually taking on his first managerial role at the club.

As well as stints at Barnet, Wolves, Nottingham Forest, Leeds and Southend, the Scotsman received two caps for the national side, scoring a goal in a 2002 World Cup Qualifier against Latvia.

The Glaswegian initially helped steer the Eagles away from the Championship relegation zone during his time as manager at Selhurst Park, and then in his first full season, enjoyed a memorable run to the League Cup Semi-Finals, toppling Manchester United at Old Trafford along the way.

Freedman joined Bolton in October 2012 and in his first full month in charge at the Reebok he remained unbeaten, leading the team to five wins in a row and eventually finishing seventh, narrowly missing out on the Play-Offs.



Star
man

10 Jermaine **BECKFORD**

The experienced former Wealdstone striker, who started out in the Chelsea Academy, moved to Bolton in July and is a proven goalscorer at this level. It was at Elland Road where Beckford made his mark, averaging almost a goal every two games, including a memorable strike against Manchester United in the FA Cup. The 29-year-old proceeded to enjoy stints with Everton, Leicester and most recently a loan spell with Huddersfield, before putting pen to paper on a two-year deal at the Reebok. With four goals in his last five league games, Beckford has begun to hit top form this season.

Cult hero Jay-Jay **Okocha**

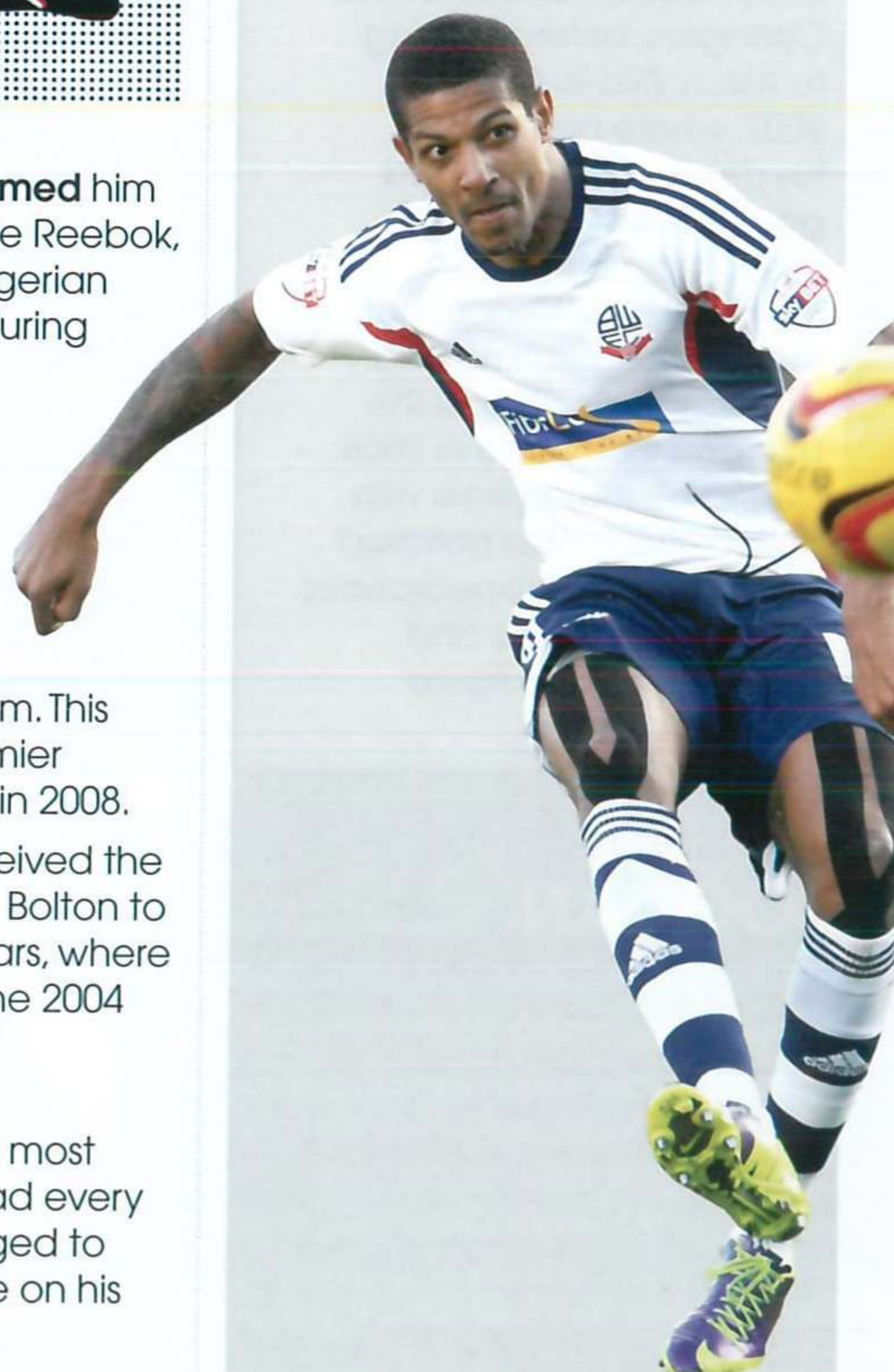


'Jay-Jay - so good, they named him twice' goes the saying at the Reebok, such was the trickery the Nigerian international dazzled with during his time at Bolton.

He helped steer the team away from Premier League relegation with seven goals in his debut season, including the team Goal of the Season in a vital league win against West Ham. This was voted Bolton's best Premier League goal in a fans' vote in 2008.

The following season he received the captain's armband and led Bolton to their first cup final in nine years, where they finished runners-up in the 2004 League Cup.

For Bolton fans, it is his vision, artistry and guile that will be most remembered, as Okocha had every trick in the book and managed to perform them all with a smile on his face.



Meet The Whites

by Connor Reddy



The Skipper 12 Zat **KNIGHT**

Defender, pictured above
Standing at 6ft 6ins tall, Knight has a wealth of experience, having made his professional debut for Fulham back in 2000. The former England Under-21 international made a total of 181 appearances for the Cottagers, before moving to Aston Villa in August 2007, where he marked his debut with a headed goal against Chelsea. The defender has also received full international recognition with England, earning caps against the USA and Colombia in 2005. During his three years with Bolton, Knight has notched more than 100 appearances in all competitions and is a dependable figure in their back-line.

1 Adam **BOGDAN**

Goalkeeper
Appearances initially limited due to stalwart Jussi Jaaskelainen, Bogdan grabbed his chance with both hands and rose to prominence, with his impressive form seeing him become the club's Player of the Season.

24 Andy **LONERGAN**

Goalkeeper
Signed from Leeds, Loneragan is part of the 'goalkeepers with goals' club, having scored for Preston against Leicester in 2004.

3 Kevin **MCNAUGHTON**

Defender
Scotsman McNaughton has made six appearances on loan from Cardiff. Set to miss today's game with a hamstring injury.

4 Matt **MILLS**

Defender
A centre-half with a high level of experience in the Championship, having captained Leicester at this level. Adds strength and quality to the squad.

15 Alex **BAPTISTE**

Defender
A defender who is capable of playing anywhere across the backline, Baptiste has tasted success and disappointment in his career, having being both promoted to the Premier League and relegated with Blackpool.



5 Tim **REAM**

Defender
Joined from New York Red Bulls in the 2012 January transfer window, having established himself in the MLS. Represented the United States in the 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

23 MARC **TIERNEY**

Defender
Ex-Norwich man finds himself on the sidelines after fracturing his ankle earlier in the season against Yeovil.

31 David **WHEATER**

Defender
The 6ft 5ins central defender brings height and power to the backline. During his first 345 minutes in a Wanderers shirt, the team did not concede a goal.

6 Jay **SPEARING**

Midfielder
Having impressed on loan from Liverpool, the 24-year-old put pen-to-paper at the Reebok in a permanent deal, and looks to dictate the play in midfield by use of his passing ability.

14 Andre **MORITZ**

Midfielder
The Brazilian former Crystal Palace attacking midfielder has linked back up with Dougie Freedman in Lancashire, and scored an excellent strike against Millwall last time out.



7 Chris EAGLES

Midfielder, above

Former Hornets youngster and loanee, finished last season as Bolton's top goalscorer with 12, and also created the most number of goals, with 12 assists.

18 Neil DANNS

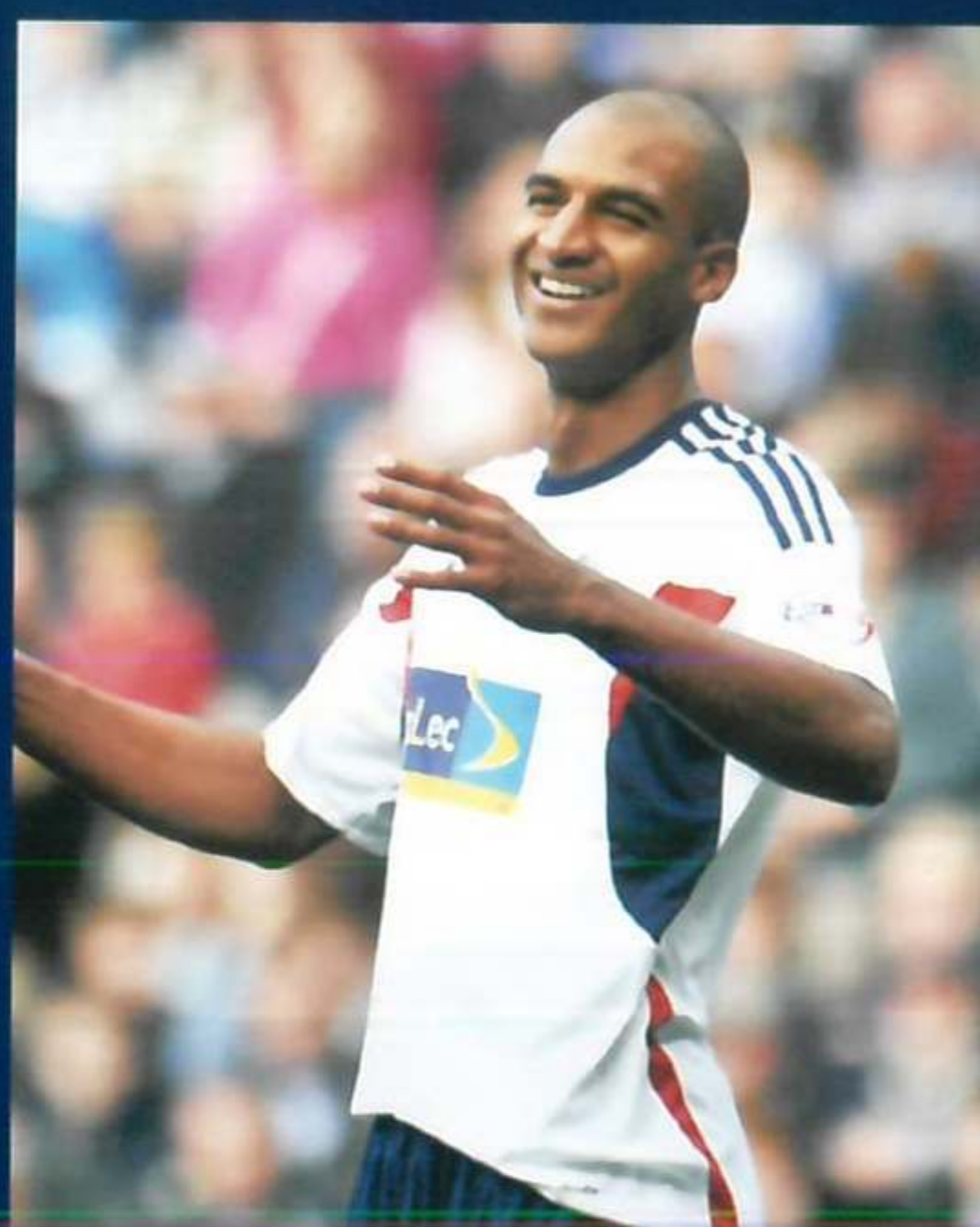
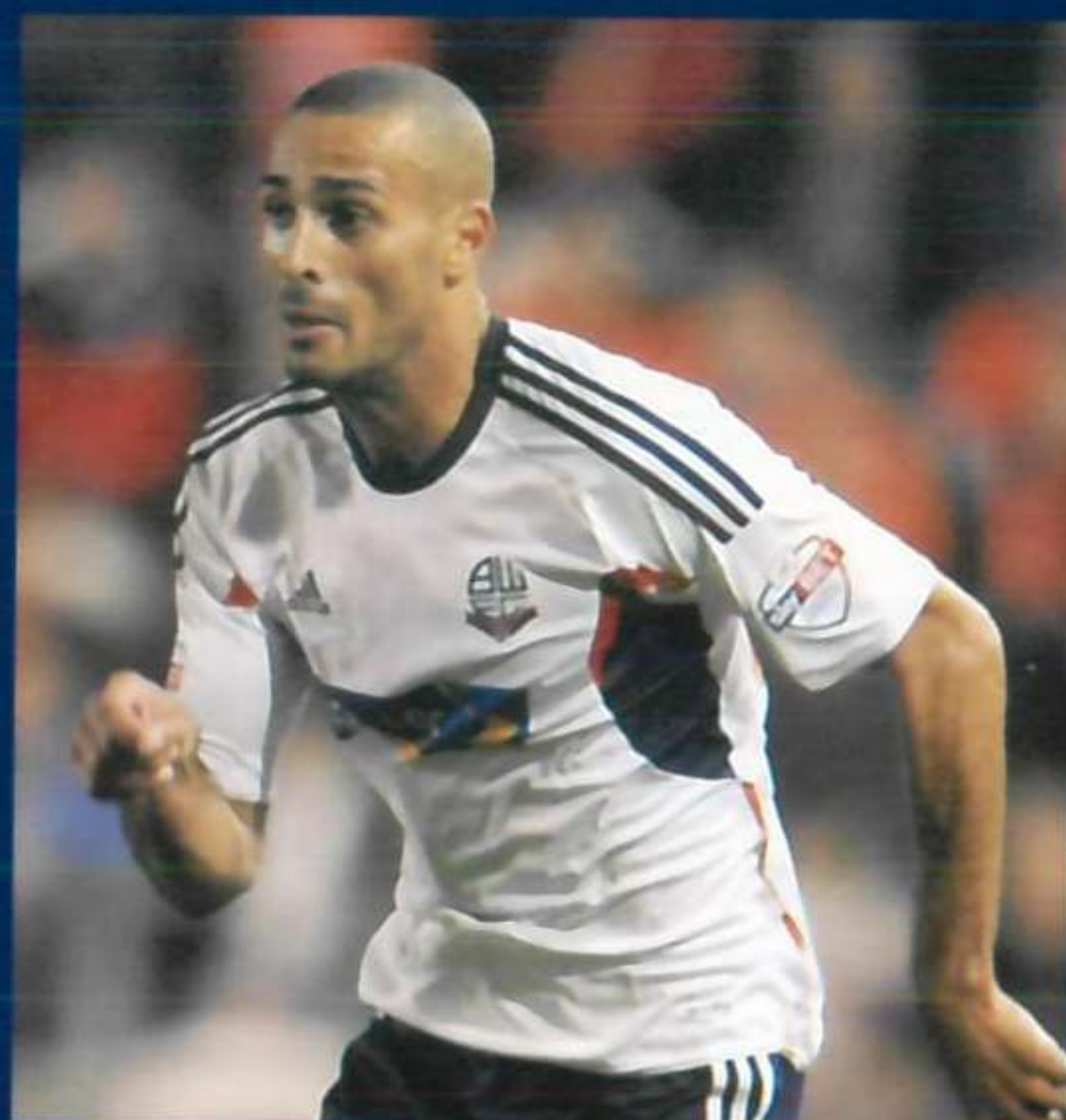
Midfielder

Leicester loanee has played most of his football in recent seasons away from the King Power Stadium. Has made six appearances since joining in September.

21 Darren PRATLEY

Midfielder, below

Having already equalled his best scoring tally for the Trotters this season, the former Swansea man will be looking to further improve on his goals from midfield.



9 David N'GOG

Forward, above

Doubling his first season's goal tally for Bolton in his second year, the former Liverpool man will be once again looking to progress.

11 Robert HALL

Forward

A highly-rated prospect from the famous West Ham youth academy, Hall will look to make his mark at the Reebok this term.

28 Craig DAVIES

Forward

The Welsh international arrived at the Reebok from Barnsley, and has a proven track record of successfully finding the back of the opposition net.

26 LIAM FEENEY

Midfielder

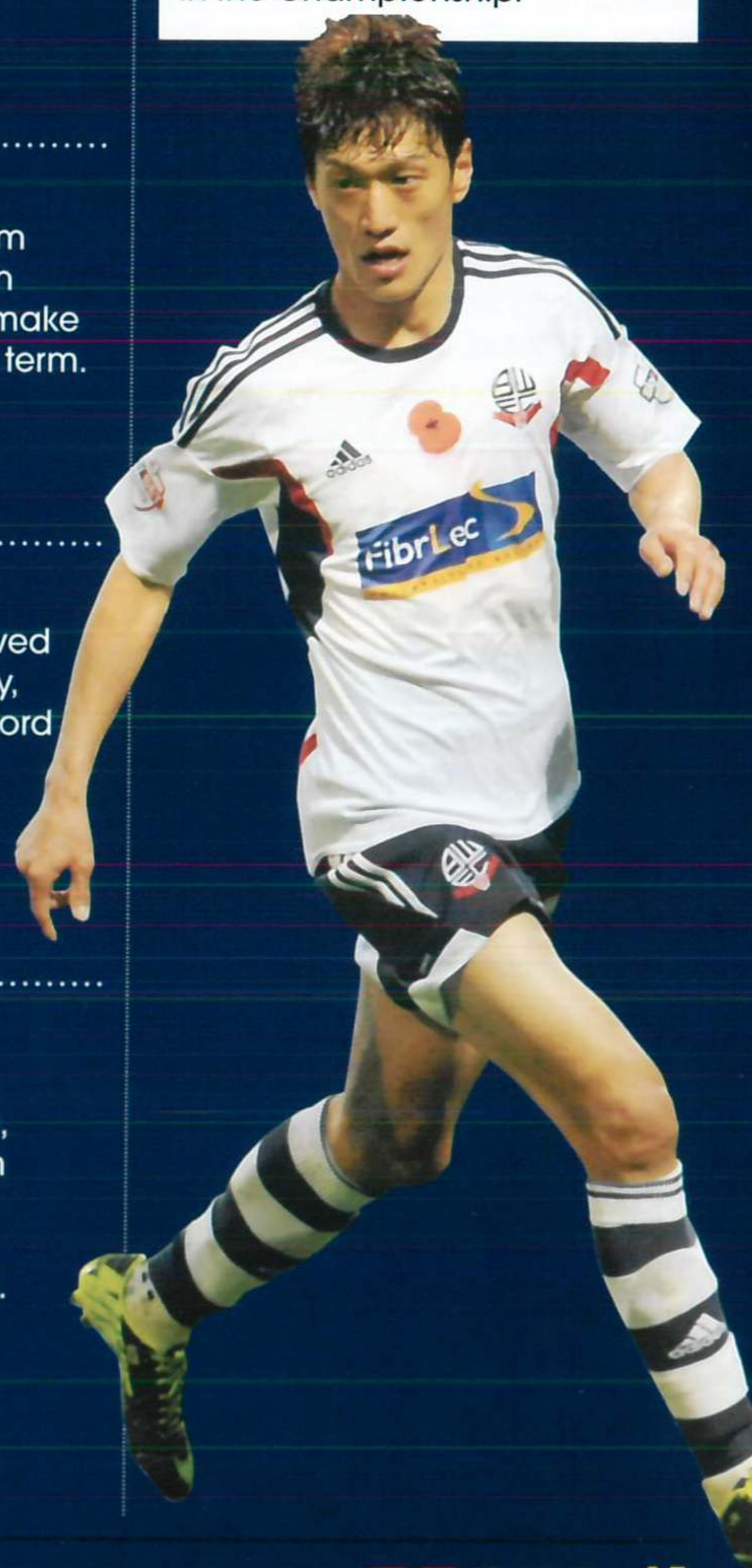
Part of Millwall's squad at the start of the campaign, former Bournemouth man Feeney signed for Bolton on loan in September, in search of regular football.

One to watch

27 Chung-Yong LEE

Forward, pictured below

Lee quickly excelled and became a firm fans' favourite at the Reebok, with the skill and craft which had football critics labeling him one of the most exciting prospects in Asia. He announced himself with the winning strike against Birmingham just weeks after moving to England and went on to secure the 2010 Bolton Wanderers Player of the Year award, before playing a starring role in South Korea's World Cup run in 2010, scoring goals against Argentina and Uruguay. His technical ability and vision from midfield make him a threat to any side in the Championship.





Bolton 2 Watford 1

September 15, 2012

A second career goal for Lloyd Doyley wasn't enough for the Hornets, who were in the middle of a four-game winless streak in the Championship.

Both Wanderers' goals came from first-half Chris Eagles deliveries – Matt Mills heading home just three minutes in and Kevin Davies volleying the second moments before half-time.

Doyley's unlikely cross-shot eluded Bolton keeper Adam Bogdan and went in off the far post as the hour approached, but a stirring second-half fight-back failed to produce a crucial equaliser for Gianfranco Zola's men.

HORNETS: Almunia; Doyley, Neuton, Nosworthy, Pudil; Yeates (Beleck, 88), Hogg, Abdi (Smith, 80); Murray (Forestieri, 67), Iwelumo, Vydra.

Subs not used: Bond (GK), Casseti, Chalobah, Ekstrand.

WANDERERS: Bogdan; Mears, Mills, Knight, Alonso; M Davies, Andrews (Pratley, 66), Spearing, Eagles; K Davies, N.Gog (Afobe, 59).

Subs not used: Loneragan (GK), Petrov, Ricketts, Sordell, Chung-Yong.



Watford 2 Bolton 1

February 2, 2013



Bolton's Marvin Sordell scored on his return to Vicarage Road but the Trotters let their lead slip.

The ex-Hornet converted from the penalty spot on 32 minutes, but moments later Matej Vydra fired past Adam Bogdan having run onto Marco Casseti's flick inside.

Vydra turned provider with 20 minutes to go, setting up Abdi to slide home Watford's winner.

HORNETS: Almunia; Doyley, Hall, Ekstrand (Nosworthy, 78); Casseti, Battocchio (Eustace, 90+4), Chalobah (Hogg, 84), Abdi, Pudil; Deeney, Vydra.

Subs not used: Bond (GK), Murray, Forestieri, Geijo.

WANDERERS: Bogdan; Ricketts, Knight, Ream, Alonso; Spearing, Vela (C Davies, 76), Chung-Yong, Pratley; Eagles (De Ridder, 75), Sordell (K Davies, 76).

Subs not used: Loneragan (GK), N.Gog, Dawson, Wylde.



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BOLTON WANDERERS

MATCH FACTS

The Hornets have conceded just two goals in the last five home league games against Bolton Wanderers.



MATCH FACTS

Bolton have won four of the last five league meetings with Watford (L1).



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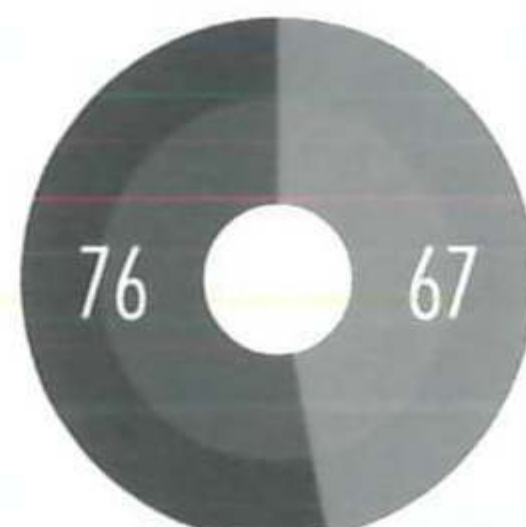
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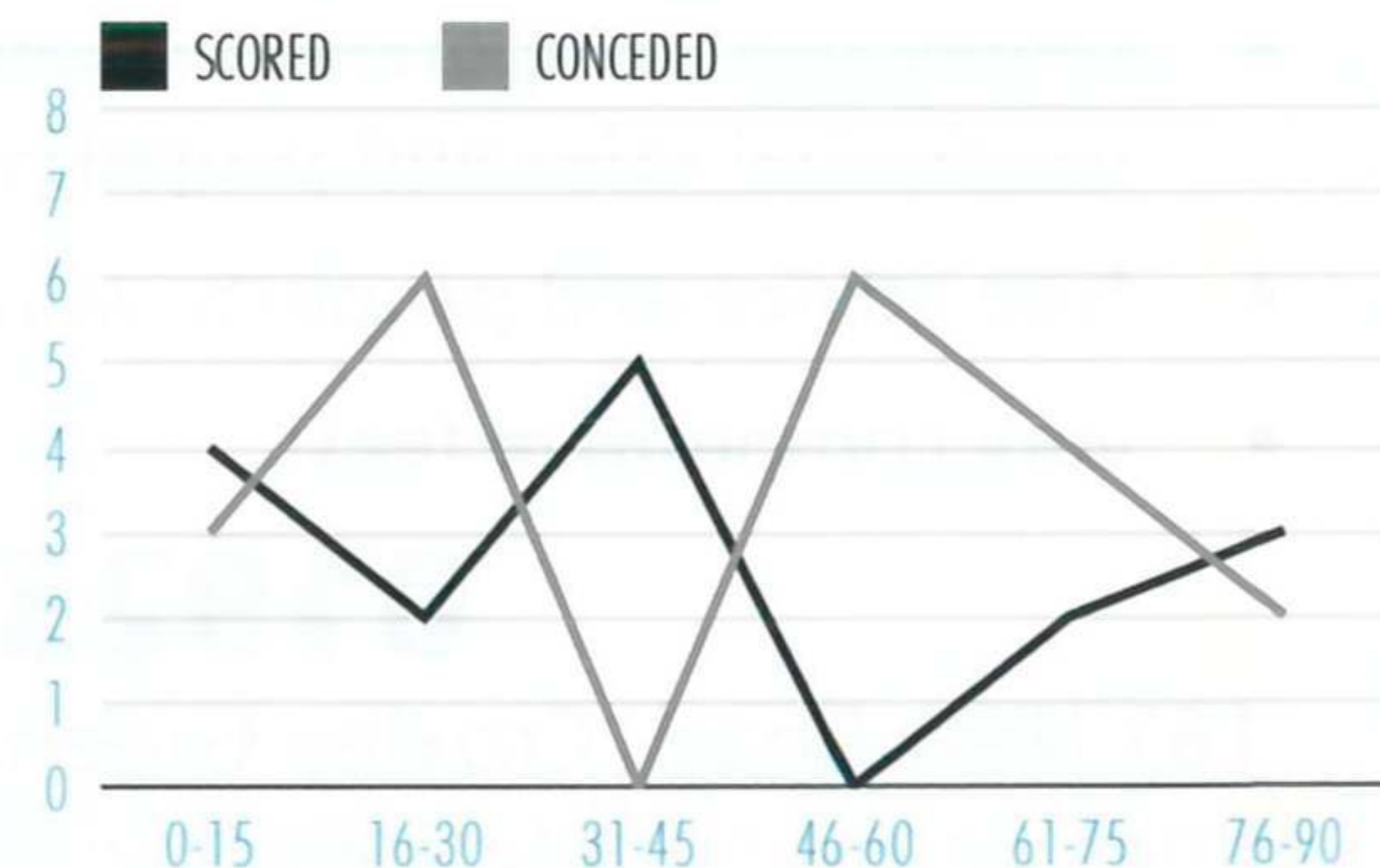


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classic line-up

Bolton Wanderers 1957/58



by Joey Mills

While younger Bolton Wanderers fans will recall the uncompromising spirit and European glamour of the Sam Allardyce era, older enthusiasts still gaze starry-eyed into the distance and relive the days of Nat Lofthouse. The prolific England striker was the centrepiece of the side, managed by Bill Ridding, that saw off a tragically depleted Manchester United team in the 1958 FA Cup Final to claim the club's last piece of major silverware. Lofthouse netted twice as Wanderers saw off a United team who had bravely reached the final just three months after the Munich Air Disaster had eroded the very landscape of the club.



KeyMEN

8. GARY STEVENS

The cup final was an emotional occasion for Stevens. His cousin was the late Duncan Edwards, Manchester United's fallen superstar who had died in Munich. Stevens had scored three goals in the competition leading up to the final, and kept his composure on a difficult day at Wembley.

9. NAT LOFTHOUSE

Despite his lack of obvious physical advantages, Lofthouse played as a bustling, hassling centre-forward. His style of play sparked controversy against United in the final, where many adjudged him to have bundled Reds keeper Harry Gregg over the line for his second goal. A gentleman of the game, the prolific England striker later admitted this was the case.



Nat Lofthouse Holding the FA Cup after their victory over Manchester United at Wembley

1. EDDIE HOPKINSON

The England custodian was small for a goalkeeper at 5ft 10in, but Hopkinson overcame this obstacle to become Bolton's all-time record appearance holder.

2. ROY HARTLE

Signed from hometown club Bromsgrove Rovers as a 16-year-old, the legendary right-back has a suite at the Reebok Stadium named after him. He regularly attended Bolton home games until suffering a stroke in 2009.

3. TOMMY BANKS

Banks was England's left back at the 1958 World Cup. He would go on to have an influential role in the 1961 labour dispute with the Football League, helping to secure better pay and working conditions for players.

4. DEREK HENNIN

Hennin was a solid and dependable right-half, who would go on to turn out for Lancashire rivals Wigan Athletic in the Cheshire League.

5. JOHN HIGGINS

Another Trotter-turned-Latic who played alongside Hennin in the Cheshire League. His son, Mark Higgins, would go on to play for Everton and Manchester United.

6. BRYAN EDWARDS

A gifted cricketer, Edwards had trials with Lancashire before settling on the kicked rather than batted ball. He would go on to manage Bradford City over a four-year spell.

7. BRIAN BIRCH

A fixture wide on the right at Bolton for almost his entire career, the 1957/58 season was Birch's breakthrough as a first-team regular.

10. RAY PARRY

Became the youngest ever First Division player upon his first-team debut for Wanderers at 15 years and 247 days. The forward was the Trotters' top scorer on the road to Wembley.

11. DOUG HOLDEN

Along with Lofthouse, Holden was the only player to have featured in Bolton's iconic 'Matthews Final' FA Cup defeat to Blackpool five years previously.



Bill Ridding with Nat Lofthouse at Wembley

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Football League substitute

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1960 First ever live Football League
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1958 Division 3 & 4 formed to replace regional 3rd Division -
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- the white ball used for the
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1939 League suspended due to World War II



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THE INSIDE LINE

A closer look at today's opposition with a visiting member of the local media

Jack Dearden
BBC Radio Manchester

Bolton missed out on a Play-Off place on the final day of last season, owing to Leicester's superior goal difference. How difficult was that to take?

The run Bolton put together towards the end of last season was nothing short of magnificent. They were about 20th in the Championship in February, so to even have a possibility of reaching the Play-Offs on the final day was a brilliant achievement. Having got that far, it was a massive disappointment. That run could well have propelled them into the Premier League, but unfortunately it wasn't to be.

After a poor start to this season, the Trotters are now unbeaten in their last seven. What do you put the turnaround down to?

There's been an improvement in form and confidence, and also just that little bit of luck which was lacking earlier in the season.



"THERE'S A LOT MORE TO COME FROM BOLTON THAN WHAT WE'VE SEEN AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A BAD RUN YOU'D RATHER HAVE IT AT THE START OF THE SEASON AND TRY TO PLAY YOUR WAY OUT OF IT"

They are playing a lot better now, there's no doubt about that, and Jermaine Beckford has scored a few goals. They look better at the back and Dougie Freedman brought in three players using the loan market, so all of those things have made a contribution.

With Wanderers currently 17th in the Championship, do you think they are capable of pushing for promotion this time around?

They've left themselves with a very difficult task to try and win automatic promotion but the squad, players and management are more than capable of mounting a serious bid to win a promotion place, even if that's through the Play Offs. There's a lot more to come from Bolton than what we've seen and if you're going to have a bad run you'd rather have it at the start of the season and try to play your way out of it, rather than start off magnificently well and end up with massive disappointment.

Are there any areas of the squad you think Dougie Freedman will be looking to strengthen?

I think he'll be looking at all departments but it might be down to a little bit of wheeling and dealing. There may be the possibility of someone moving out if that means someone else can move in. Good strikers cost millions of pounds and that's money Bolton haven't got, but I think you've always got to look at all areas.

Jermaine Beckford's four league goals have all come in his last five games. How impressed



BOLTON DEFENDER TIM REAM

have you been with him since signing during pre-season?

I never had a moment's doubt that he would score goals. Wherever he's been he's scored goals, so never for a second did I doubt his ability. He's a poacher; he does a lot of stuff instinctively. He didn't do as well in the early part of the season as he would've liked but he's an out-and-out striker and I knew he'd eventually produce the goods.

Are there any other players opposition fans should keep an eye out for?

There's a decent partnership developing in the centre of defence between Matt Mills and Tim Ream, they've done well in the last few weeks. Alex Baptiste has also done quite well of late at left-back, but other than that it's been an all-round collective effort, added to the fact that Beckford has been scoring some goals.

You 'Orns!

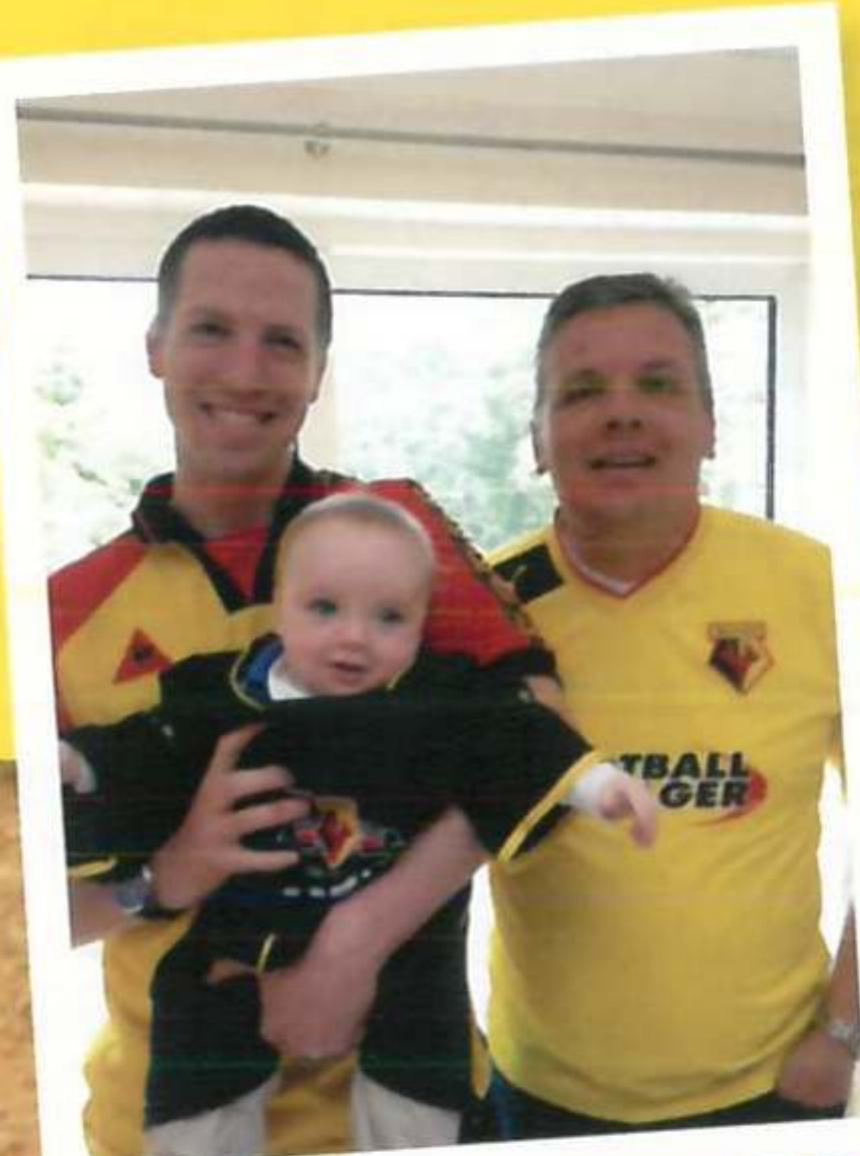
EIGHT'S GREAT!



Happy eighth birthday to Matthew Hardwick, who plays for Parkfield and Wycombe Wanderers but ultimately dreams of turning out for Watford FC! Lots of love from Mum, Dad and brothers Dan and James, who all sit in the Rookery xxxxx

GOLDEN GRAHAM

A warm welcome to Season Ticket holder Graham Spittles, who was 60 yesterday and is celebrating this afternoon at The Vic! Graham's pictured here with son Steven and grandson Jonah. Happy birthday and have a great time today! With lots of love, Carol, Steven, Hannah, Emma, Rob, Jonah and all the family. PS. Jonah turned one on Sunday so a very happy birthday to him, too!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROSS!

Happy birthday to Ross Morgan, who was 21 on Wednesday! Ross first came to watch the Hornets in 2000 on a specially-organised Scouts Day and is now a Rookery Season Ticket holder who also attends as many away games as he can. Hope you had a very happy birthday, love Mum and Dad.



WE ARE FAMILY

Here's Alex Bryant, who recently flew out with friend Jason Douglas to watch fellow Pozzo-owned side Udinese. The Zebrette were beaten 1-0 by Roma on the day, but these two Hornets received a fantastic welcome from those in Udine, who recognised their yellow shirts and had clearly been following the Golden Boys from afar. Alex and a Udinese supporter even swapped scarves during the game!



WHEN HARRY MET ZAK

Zak Downes was 11 yesterday! An enthusiastic Watford fan, Zak comes to all the Hornets' home games and his favourite player is Connor Smith. He also enjoys playing football, particularly as a striker. Happy birthday and enjoy the game, Zak!



CIAO TONZI!

There's a definite Italian flavour at Watford these days, and there'll be a special visitor from Verona at today's game. Anthony (pictured standing in the now demolished East Stand) was a Watford supporter long before moving to Italy more than 30 years ago, but he still follows the Golden Boys through the Hornets Player live commentary. This afternoon, however, he's flying all the way to The Vic to celebrate his 69th birthday. Happy birthday Tonz, love Ketty!



A GREAT PHOTO!

Thanks to Leila and Martin Coker for sending this brilliant picture in. They took time out from following the 'Orns in September to walk the Great Wall and educate the Chinese in the 'Watford Way'!



MUNNS ON THE RUN

Another holiday snap - and this time it's Rookery Season Ticket holder Callum Munns, who went on a scouting mission to Barcelona's Camp Nou during half-term. Spot any future Golden Boys, Callum?!



GOOD NEWS!

Congratulations to Lower Rous Season Ticket holder Matt Goodger, who is celebrating his 18th birthday! Matt's been a Hornet for seven years and lists Troy Deeney, Lloyd Doyley and Manuel Almunia among his favourite Watford players. Happy birthday Matt, love from Mum, Dad and the 4.



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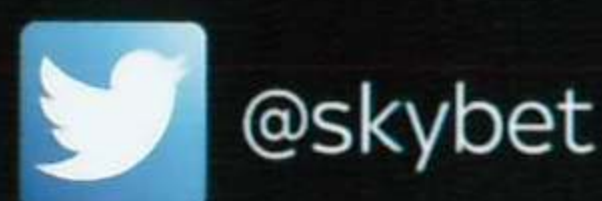
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PLAYER SPOTLIGHT: JOSH McEACHRAN

WATFORD SUPPORTERS' QUESTIONS, ANSWERED BY THE CHELSEA LOAN MIDFIELDER...

Why did you choose to come to Watford? Alex @Thayne1997 via Twitter

I was attracted by the style of football that the manager wants to play, and I knew it'd be good to play under a manager like Gianfranco Zola. He's a Chelsea legend, so being a Chelsea player I thought it'd be good to learn from him.

Do you think the style of football that Gianfranco Zola wants Watford to play suits your game best? Matt Allen @MattMooAllen via Twitter

Yes, it definitely does. He wants to play through midfield and I'm a ball-playing midfielder, so that's the way I want to play the game and it plays to my strengths.

How would you describe yourself and your style of play as a footballer? Daniel

Lingham via Facebook

I can play in the defensive midfield role but I'm also creative. I think my main attributes are my passing, my vision, getting out of tight situations and bringing others into play.

How have your first few months as a Watford player been? WatfordFCBlog @WatfordFCBlog via Twitter

It's been good. Obviously the results could have gone a little bit better in recent weeks but overall I've enjoyed it. The management and staff have been really good to me and the players have made me feel welcome, so I've enjoyed my time here so far.

What do you expect to achieve during your time at Watford? James Keefe via email

Personally I'd like to get as many
continued over the page



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Get Involved

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minutes of game-time as I can, and if I stay beyond the New Year then I'll be aiming to help Watford get promoted. The team we've got, and with the quality of players here, we're definitely capable of achieving promotion to the Premier League so there's no reason why that shouldn't be our aim.

How highly do you rate this Watford side, having already spent a season in the Championship with Middlesbrough?
Gillian Barnett via email

This is definitely a team that should be pushing for promotion. Ability-wise I think the team here is one of the best in the Championship, if not the best. The important thing now is to stick together as a team and make sure we achieve our goals together.

Would you like to extend your loan deal at Watford until the end of the season?
Chris Hunt via email

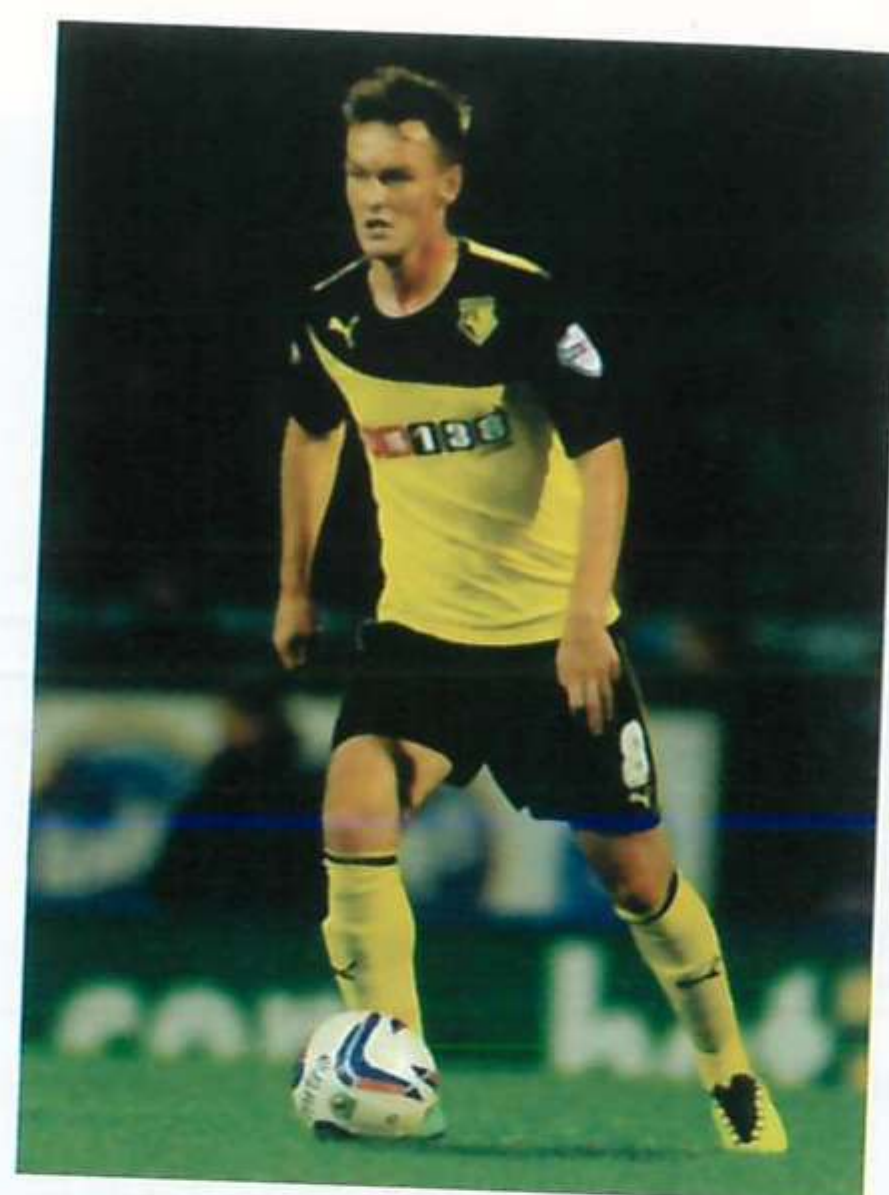
If the people here want me to stay and Chelsea are happy for me to extend the loan then I'd definitely want to remain here for the rest of the season.

Do you remember playing Watford in the FA Youth Cup, against the likes of Connor Smith and Sean Murray? Peter Ryan
@peterryan9 via Twitter

Yes, I remember playing Watford twice. One year we beat them 4-0 at Vicarage Road, and then we played them again the next season at Stamford Bridge and we won 2-1. I can still



remember Sean scoring a goal at Stamford Bridge, he did really well. As well as Sean and Connor, I think Jonathan Bond, Tommie Hoban and Bernard Mensah were also involved in those games.



How will you celebrate when you score your first league goal? Alan Robinson
@alanr260463 via Twitter

I'm not one to celebrate too much, so I don't know what I'll do! It won't be a big celebration; I'll probably just keep it simple.

What motivated you to become a professional footballer? Daniel Lingham
via Facebook

I wanted to be a professional footballer ever since I was seven, when I first joined Chelsea. I just loved playing the game, walking out every day and knowing you were going to do something you loved. Before I was at Chelsea I played for a little team in Kidlington called Garden City. I went for a trial at Chelsea when I was seven and I've been with them ever since.

Who was your footballing inspiration as a child? Brosnan
@JackBrosnan_ via Twitter

My favourite player when I was growing up was Zinedine Zidane. I used to watch videos of him and I just found him so inspiring to watch.



Did you look up to Gianfranco Zola as a child? Watford FWe
@WatfordFWe via Twitter

He was definitely another one of my heroes, especially being at Chelsea. I used to watch the first-team train and he was magnificent. He still gets involved in training now and he's still good.

What has been the highlight of your career so far? David Robinson



@david_wfc via Twitter

Making my debut for Chelsea, because getting into the first-team was what I'd been working for all these years. My first game was in the Champions League so that was a great experience. Winning the Under-17 European Championships with England and winning the FA Youth Cup with Chelsea were also highlights.

Do you feel learning your trade from the likes of Frank Lampard at Chelsea has helped you develop as a midfielder?

Steve Jamieson via email

Watching him train and being able to train with him every day has improved me so much as a player. You see how hard he trains and realise you should be doing things with the same intensity. If players like him are willing to train that hard then why shouldn't younger players like me? All the guys at Chelsea have been really good and willing to help me – particularly John Terry, Ashley Cole and Frank Lampard.

Who would be your ideal central midfield partner? Daniel Lingham via Facebook

I'd love to play with Andrea Pirlo and Andres Iniesta (inset).



Do you feel being praised by the likes of Carlo Ancelotti and Stuart Pearce at such a young age has added extra pressure on you to succeed, or has it been good for your confidence? Mark Westcarr via email

Managers like Ancelotti and Pearce have coached at a top level so if



Winning Question

Peter Ryan's question about the FA Youth Cup ties with Watford was chosen by McEachran as his favourite.

Well done Peter, you'll be receiving a copy of today's programme signed by the midfielder!

they're saying nice things about you it's good and it gives you a confidence boost. I played in the Champions League and the Premier League when I was 17, but when you're at a top club like Chelsea you're not going to walk straight into their team. But that kind of pressure is actually good because it makes you want to prove yourself.

Who are the best players you've played with and against? Ross Morgan via Facebook

John Terry, Frank Lampard (inset) and Didier Drogba are the best I've played with. I played against Manchester City in the Premier League and Carlos Tevez and Yaya Toure were unreal.



As a young English talent, why do you think so many young English players struggle to get game-time in the Premier League? Bryan Dunlop via email

The game has changed loads in the last 10 years, but I actually think it's better now because there's so much competition for places and if you're good enough, you'll play.



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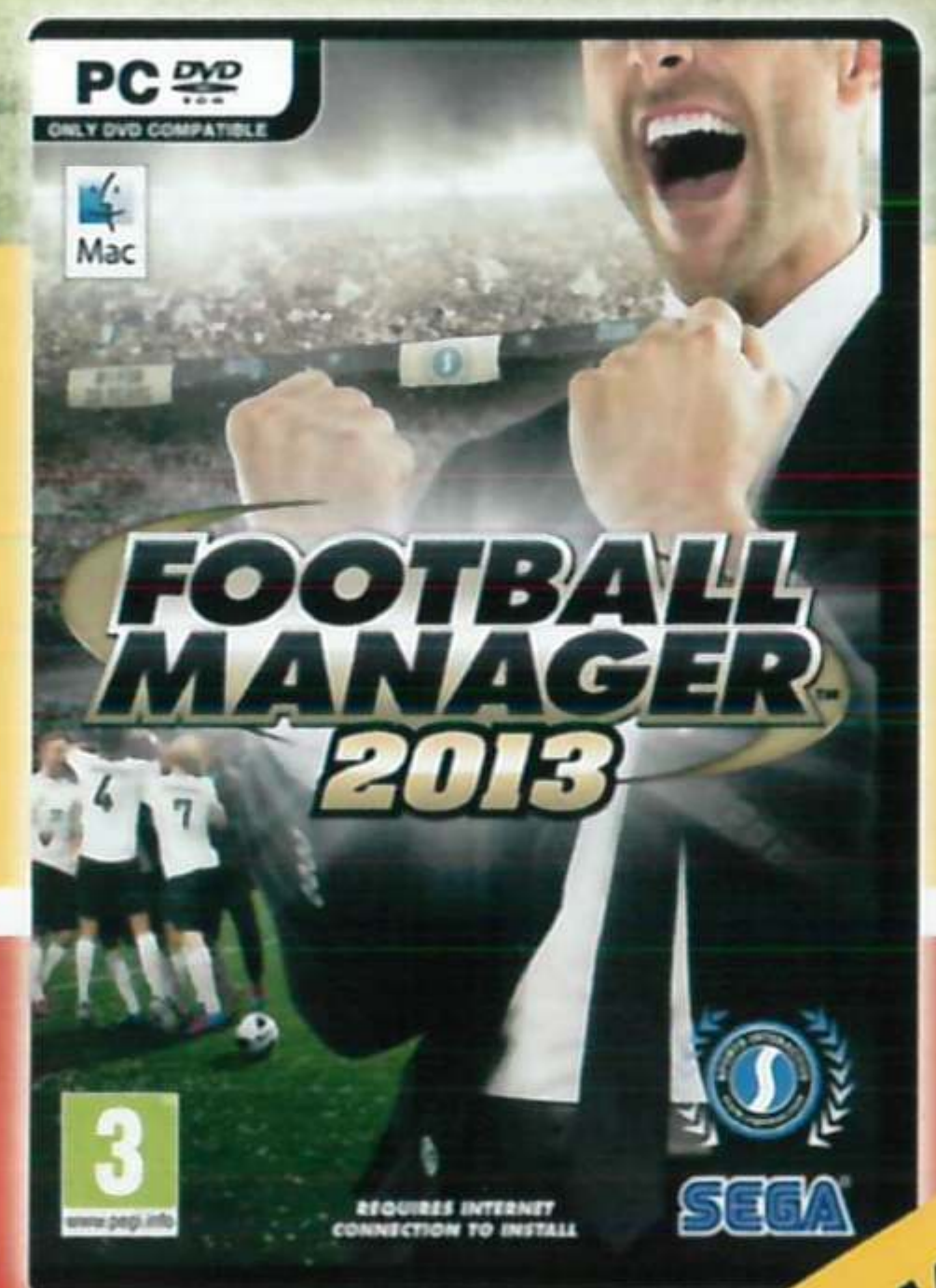


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OCTOBER HALF-TERM VISIT BY THE HORNETS!

Watford's first-team players took time out of their hectic training schedule at London Colney to visit young fans during October half-term.

Young players at Evergreen FC enjoyed meeting Ikechi Anya and Essaid Belkalem, while Westfield College participants had a surprise visit from Nyron Nosworthy,

Luke O'Nien and Almen Abdi. Harpenden Rovers players had the chance to meet Connor Smith.

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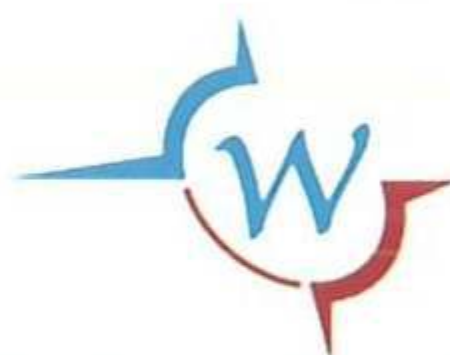
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NCS SIGNS OFF FOR 2013 IN STYLE – BUT IT'LL BE BACK NEXT YEAR!

NCS fever hit the Trust once again this Autumn, but this time it was the turn of a brand-new bunch of excitable 17-year-olds to experience the adrenaline rushes and community spirit of the National Citizen Service programme.



The adventure began in Abernant Lake Hotel, Wales. With forecasts of record-breaking storms, you could be forgiven for thinking there may have been a little gloom surrounding the participants, but the rain didn't dampen anyone's spirits with plenty of activity-based fun to be had. Archery, zip-wire, high ropes and much more, made up an action-packed four days.

You may even recognise some of the young people involved, as during the half-term Watford FC open training session they were tasked with ensuring everybody who came down to The Vic had a fantastic time – running the inflatable target shot, giving out several freebies and capturing some of the day's events on camera.

This was followed up with a unique NCS press conference with star Watford players Reece Brown and Joel Ekstrand, and the final phase of the programme saw the 'NCS-ers' tackle community projects with local charity Mencap and the Watford Museum.

One team revitalised the garden area



at one of Mencap's residential homes, whilst another chose to spice up a Mencap children centre. The final team revamped the Watford Museum's Watford FC exhibition, redecorating the walls with the famous yellow, red and black of the Hornets.

All in all, this has been another success for Watford's Community Trust and the NCS programme, making a positive difference for all. This year's NCS programmes have now come to a close, making 2013 a brilliant year to have been involved in the scheme!

For more pictures and videos of NCS throughout the year, take a look at our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NCSWatford.



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Thirty years ago: 1983/84

By Richard Walker

A season-long feature charting the story of 1983/84, when Watford both played in the UEFA Cup and reached the FA Cup Final - all on the back of finishing runners-up to Liverpool in Division One...

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE - BUT THEY CAN'T HELP HORNETS IN EUROPE

DAVID BARDSLEY and Maurice Johnston arrived in mid-November to bolster Watford's ranks.

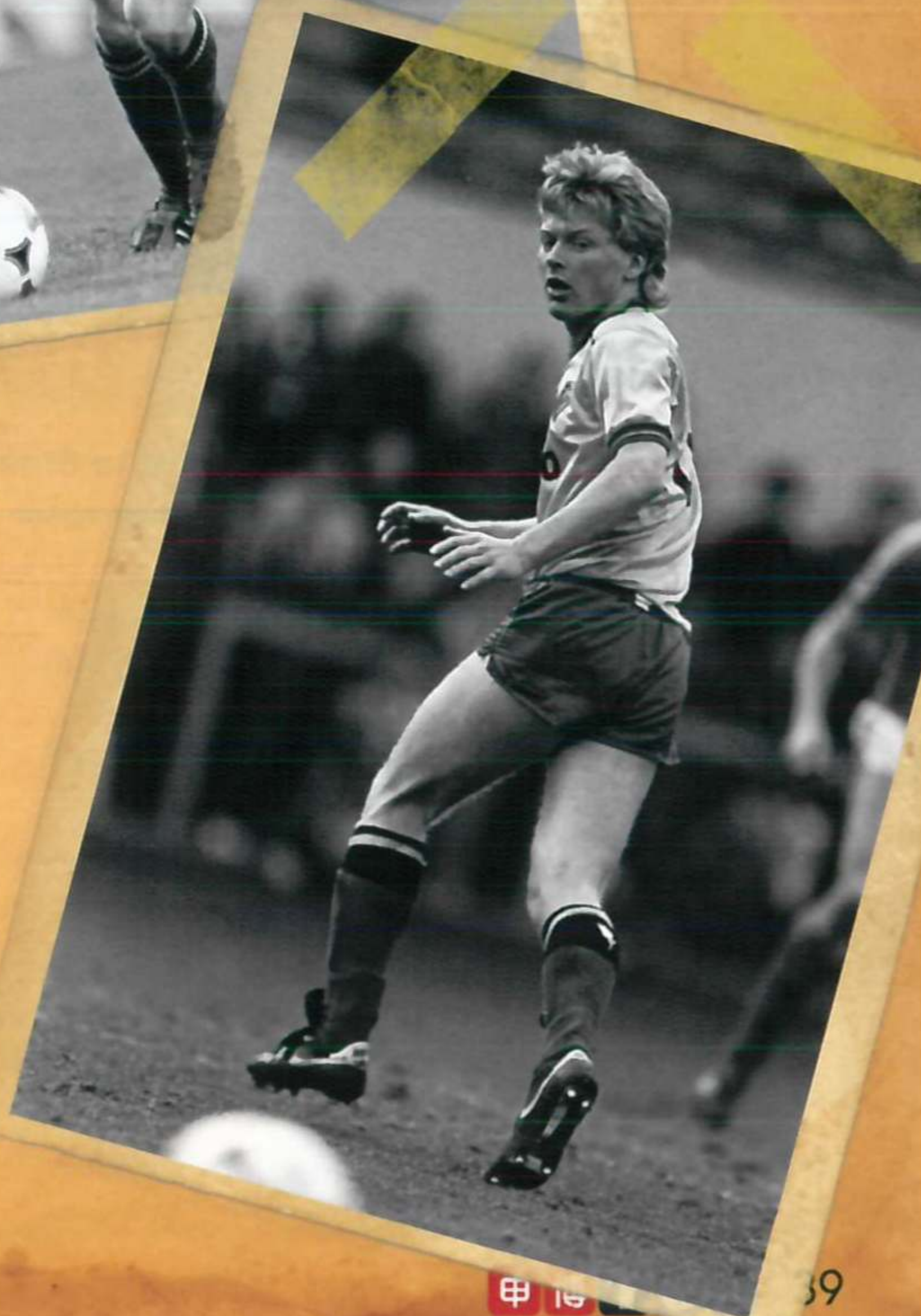
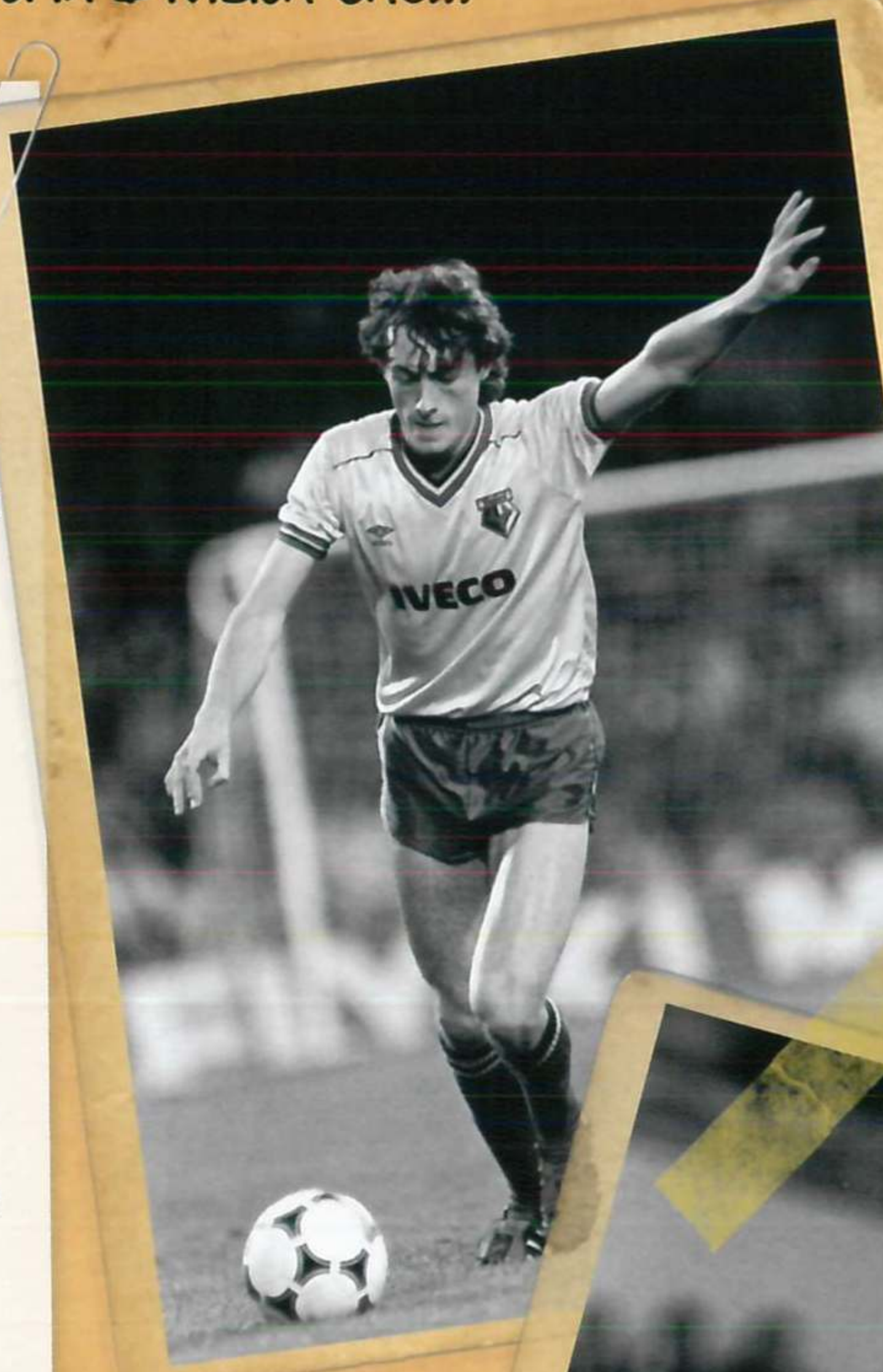
It was a melancholy period for the Golden Boys; the real issues shown in disappointing League results but then periodically masked by up-and-at-em success for the younger parts of the squad in UEFA Cup combat.

Truth be told, Hornets' manager Graham Taylor knew the need for transfer activity had moved from preferable to essential by the time Watford's Division One position had settled among the strugglers after a wasteful 3-3 draw at home to Leicester City in early November.

Mo Johnston's signing proved inspired. Just £200,000 he cost from Scottish club Partick Thistle, and seasoned Watford fans will remember only too well how he went on to form a devastating front pairing with big George Reilly during the latter part of 1983/84.

The impact of David Bardsley - either at right-back or at right-wing - wasn't quite as spectacular but had greater longevity to it, as it turned out.

Both men were to become fixtures & fittings in the Watford starting XI...but they arrived too late to be eligible to be part of the Hornets' quest for UEFA Cup Third Round glory against Czechoslovakian giants Sparta Prague.



30 YEARS AGO

ROKER PARK & OLD TRAFFORD OFFER HORNETS LITTLE HOPE

So low on confidence

WATFORD'S bid for defensive stability went sadly awry as they became the second most porous defence in the first division. And the cause of Saturday's setback was a half-fit but league-wise winger called Leighton James.

It was the Welsh international who unlocked the Watford defence and gave them considerable headaches by loitering on the wing by the halfway line.

Idle for much of the play, James would suddenly prise open the defence with some telling crosses. If Rice moved forward on to him it left space behind for Rowell and West to exploit. And if Callaghan was brought back, the attack was weakened.

Watford's bid to negate the threat was unsuccessful and by the time James left the scene in the 80th minute, he had done enough to bury the Hornets.

True there were times when Watford looked capable of getting a result at Roker Park, but the team's confidence is skin deep and easily punctured. In the end the Hornets, fielding perhaps their most experienced side for some weeks, were well beaten.

Much of the promise of the previous Saturday's unnecessary defeat at the hands of Leicester dissolved. Only George Reilly maintained his improvement while John Barnes and Ian Richardson were scarcely noticeable. The service to both was appalling or at best limited.

Apart from Reilly, the plus-factor to emerge from the afternoon was Les Taylor's return. He showed much of his former-like quality but understandably lacked a little match pace.

In the meantime the de-

cause as many problems in attack as they did last time and while rivals are defending they cannot be attacking. The simple format that the best form of defence is to attack has come unstuck, to my mind, because of the lack of adequate midfield personnel.

Watford's defence in the 4-2-4 line-up has always been vulnerable but the work in midfield has restricted, in the past, the amount of pressure applied to it. But such is the lack of confidence evinced by Saturday's performance it looks as if the good news from the treatment room must also be allied to good news from the transfer market.

I remain convinced that Watford are a few injuries and one special player away from being a reasonable Division One outfit. The

too quickly short-circuited and the defence again put under pressure. It was probably with that in mind that Taylor switched to 4-3-3 recently although against Sunderland it was 4-2-4.

Baffled by James, Pat Rice was unable to make his mark in the return to action while Ian Bolton, rejected as a Division Four midfielder man, found the wearing of a number ten shirt alongside a partner short of match pace just a little too much. Added to the nondescript afternoons of Barnes and Richardson, it meant that Watford's attack was only working on two cylinders.

But perhaps more disturbing was the woeful marking for the third goal. This enabled Gordon Chisholm to run 15 yards shouting and pointing to his

of the side

With just two points from the last 21, Watford's cause is in tatters and that run could worsen before it gets better. But with all their cards available, I still feel Watford will enjoy a far better second half to their campaign.

Seven games without a win is nowhere near a record for the club. Eleven years ago they went 20 games without a victory and in many non-relegation seasons they have gone ten or more games without sampling a win bonus.

After some initial sortees, James curled an angled-shot past the far post, after cutting inside from Sunderland's left flank, but the first real close call was experienced by the home side in the 16th minute. Then Reilly rose to meet a Barnes's free-kick and sent a header against the bar. The ball would not drop quickly enough for Richardson and Atkins cleared the rebound.

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In the 20th minute West sent a header just wide from James's cross, and in reply a promising move by Callaghan was ended with a chopping foul by Atkins, who was duly booked.

Watford had opened well and seemed to be coming to terms with the Sunderland sweeper-system when the home side broke away and scored. It was a glorious goal, fashioned with speedy simplicity and typical of many of Watford's meetings last season.

Sunderland broke down the left with James sending Pickering away on an over-

came as Watford appeared to be finding the edge. Roared on by very vocal supporters, Sunderland had a spell in the driving seat but Watford gradually battled back.

Watford were however fortunate when Chisholm's goal attempt was cleared off the line by Rostron and Rowell shot wide from an excellent position just before the break.

"I quite fancied our chances at half-time," said coach Joahn Ward later as he echoed the feelings of many Watford fans.

Watford attempted to bring Callaghan deeper in a bid to help out with curtailing the influence of James, but in the long run it gave the Sunderland defence less problems and more time for counter-offensives. But such thoughts were not in the minds as Watford forced a corner in the 47th minute. Callaghan's flag-kick was flicked down and goalwards past the goalkeeper by Reilly, but Pickering was there to clear the line.

Sunderland promptly broke away and scored. James collected the ball on the left, moved forward and slung a diagonal cross to the far post where Proctor stormed in with a good header past Sherwood.

From a Callaghan cross-field run, Rostron drove a low shot beyond the far post and in the 57th-minute Rice found Reilly with a cross which the striker headed down only for Turner to save well.

Chisholm then brought the fans to his feet with a stunning 25-yard drive which clipped the outside edge of the post and after Pickering headed over from another

ning to really to turn it. So when Chisholm made self-advised run through the Watford penalty area head home the third in the 72nd minute, it reflected both Watford's loss of heart and Sunderland's supremacy.

Reilly put in a trio of goal attempts and Callaghan went close but in the end Watford finished well beaten.

Juniors out of Floodlit Cup

WATFORD JUNIORS, finalists last season, bowed out of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup at Aston Villa on Monday night — beaten by a goal in the last seconds.

It was particularly disappointing for the Juniors who had battled back from 2-0 down at half-time to level at 2-2, only to fall foul of a last-minute corner.

"There was not enough time to take the restart," said Juniors' boss, Tom Walley.

Gary Porter set up Watford's first goal and Dennis Bailey was there to collect home. Then Nigel Gibbs crossed for Marty Strange to flick on and Porter was in to grab the equaliser.

Despite the setback the overall display emulated the recent revival for the Juniors, who have since climbed off the bottom of the South-East Counties League table.

On Saturday they moved through to the third round of the South-East Counties League Cup with a 5-0 win over Tottenham at Woodside — Porter maintaining his recent scoring run with a hat-trick.

Porter converted two

WATFORD first-hand experience elite and the Taylor's view such divers McMenemy.

THE trio of managers agreed that players can be afforded by the richest clubs — Liverpool, Arsenal, Spurs — while called big city put themselves an attempt with the big

Certainly at Old Trafford the difference expenditure included four were produced quite a cost one forgets on the

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On the the two have we they in class

It was biggest day at when

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It was mid-September - at home to Stoke City - when Watford last won a league match.

Six without victory since then, and with the challenge of Sparta Prague hoving into view, fruitless trips to Sunderland and then Manchester United were not what Graham Taylor's Hornets needed.

But that is what they got. And they were well beaten. The games weren't even close.

A 3-0 reverse at Roker Park was followed by a 4-1 drubbing at Manchester United, in a game GT described as playing against a club in the 'Super League'.

It was a figure of speech alright, but it reflected

the gulf in where the Watford manager thought his team currently stood and the levels he perceived the likes of United to have reached.

At Sunderland, on Saturday November 12, three more goals into Steve Sherwood's net made Watford the second most porous defence in the top-flight — a fact highlighted by The Watford Observer's Oliver Phillips in a report which pulled few punches.

Sunderland: Turner; Venison, Pickering, Atkins, Chisholm, Hindmarch, Bracewell, Rowell, West, Proctor, James (Walker 80).

Watford: Sherwood; Rice, Sims, Franklin, Rostron; Callaghan, Bolton, Taylor, Barnes; Reilly, Richardson. Sub not used: Price.

Watford outclassed in the Super League

played in the super league on Saturday and had experience in the difference of class between the ordinary Division One mortals. That is Graham and one endorsed by weekend comments from sources as Ron Saunders and Lawrie

Manchester United 4
Stapleton 9, 31, 83
Robson 72
Watford 1
Callaghan 88

MANCHESTER UNITED: Bailey, Moses, Albiston, Wilkins, Duxbury, McQueen, Robson, Muhren, Stapleton, Crooks, Graham, Substitutes: Whiteside, Palmer, Sims, Franklin, Sinnott, Taylor, Watford: Sherwood, Palmer, Sims, Franklin, Sinnott, Taylor, Rostron, Callaghan, Johnston, Barnes, Jobson. Substitutes: Richardson not used. REFEREE: G. Nephine (Loughborough). Attendance: 45,111. FREE KICKS: Watford 17, United 18. CORNERS: Watford 2, United 18. GOAL ATTEMPTS on target left target: Watford 8/10, United 15/18. WATFORD GOAL ATTEMPTS by: Callaghan 2, Johnston 2, Rostron 2, Palmer 1, Taylor 1, Jobson 1, Barnes 1. BOOKINGS: Sims (88) foul on Stapleton.

been buried long before the interval. Yet ironically it is the first time that United have really been able to show their superiority in technique and ability in their meetings with Watford. It was odd to see a fleet that Watford, as a Third Division side playing 4-2-4, were at Old Trafford five years ago, but were unable to make the slightest impact as a struggling Division One side. Watford were so much second best that their goal in the end must have been an

acute if welcome embarrassment. These were much about this game to remind one of a previous blitz, suffered in that league game at Aston Villa last season. Graham Taylor recalled it when attempting to remember when another Division One side had given the Hornets such a thorough roasting. At Villa Park last September, Watford had their moments, even though Patching was struggling with Morley and Terry. On Saturday Watford did not have one real moment. They were taken apart.

But the Villa game was another example of Watford persevering with tactics which appeared to need revision before the game was half an hour old. After the Villa game I asked why the Hornets did not attempt to modify their style, close up to a 4-3-3 and stem the tide. Taylor pointed out that a change would be "to give and that one must stick to playing your percentages. On Saturday Watford played a 4-2-4 formation against three of the best midfielders in the league in game and a three-way play match-fit Taylor played Rostron, who is not at his best in a two-man midfield, were plenty overwhelmed by the combined talents of Robson, Muhren, and Jobson. Then came two goals, enhanced by the play of

kicking the clearance straight to the head of McQueen who was able to nod straight down to the mid-field, where Watford were outnumbered. Barnes and Johnston tried to counter McQueen's domination by After watching an atrocious half-hour of this, I certainly "panicked" and looked for Johnstone to be brought back to suppress the nature happened, and the game went on to a scruffy win with not only United appearing to have a man extra but Watford wanting to be one man short.

GC means that other quality was lacking in Watford's game. They were under-motivated and some more than Callaghan, Barnes and Palmer, who had extremely poor games, refused for long spells to be spectators.

In attack Watford offered nothing but some games of back reaction and speed brought by the new signing Maurice Johnston. Johnston attempted to put Watford's place, attempting to evaluate whether Johnston was a good player. The Hornets were a bad team.



NEW BOYS A REAL BOOST

No wonder Graham Taylor is smiling in photos with his new signings, David Bardsley and Mo Johnston.

He knew the Hornets needed pepping up when it came to personnel.

And it took "just" £350,000 to prise Bardsley (£150,000) away from cash-strapped Blackpool - aided by Seasiders' boss Sam Ellis, a former GT disciple at both Lincoln and Watford - and Johnston (£200,000) out of Scottish football.

The Hornets would come to depend on Bardsley's barnstorming displays at right-back and the goalscoring instincts of Johnston as 1983/84 progressed.

Johnston debuted at Old Trafford and Bardsley after the Sparta home leg. They really didn't look back after that.

Four days before Sparta Prague came to Watford, and it was a four-star display from Manchester United which put paid to any chance of a boost to morale for the Hornets before their UEFA Cup challenge.

Frank Stapleton's hat-trick - with a Bryan Robson strike somewhere in the middle - meant that when Nigel Callaghan scored two minutes from time, it was little more than a cold consolation goal before a miserable journey back down the M6 and M1 from Manchester to Hertfordshire.

There had been a general acceptance that only three or four clubs could afford to load their team with the best players.

Sound familiar? Even then, the tale was the same from managers as diverse as Graham Taylor, Ron Saunders and Lawrie McMenemy.

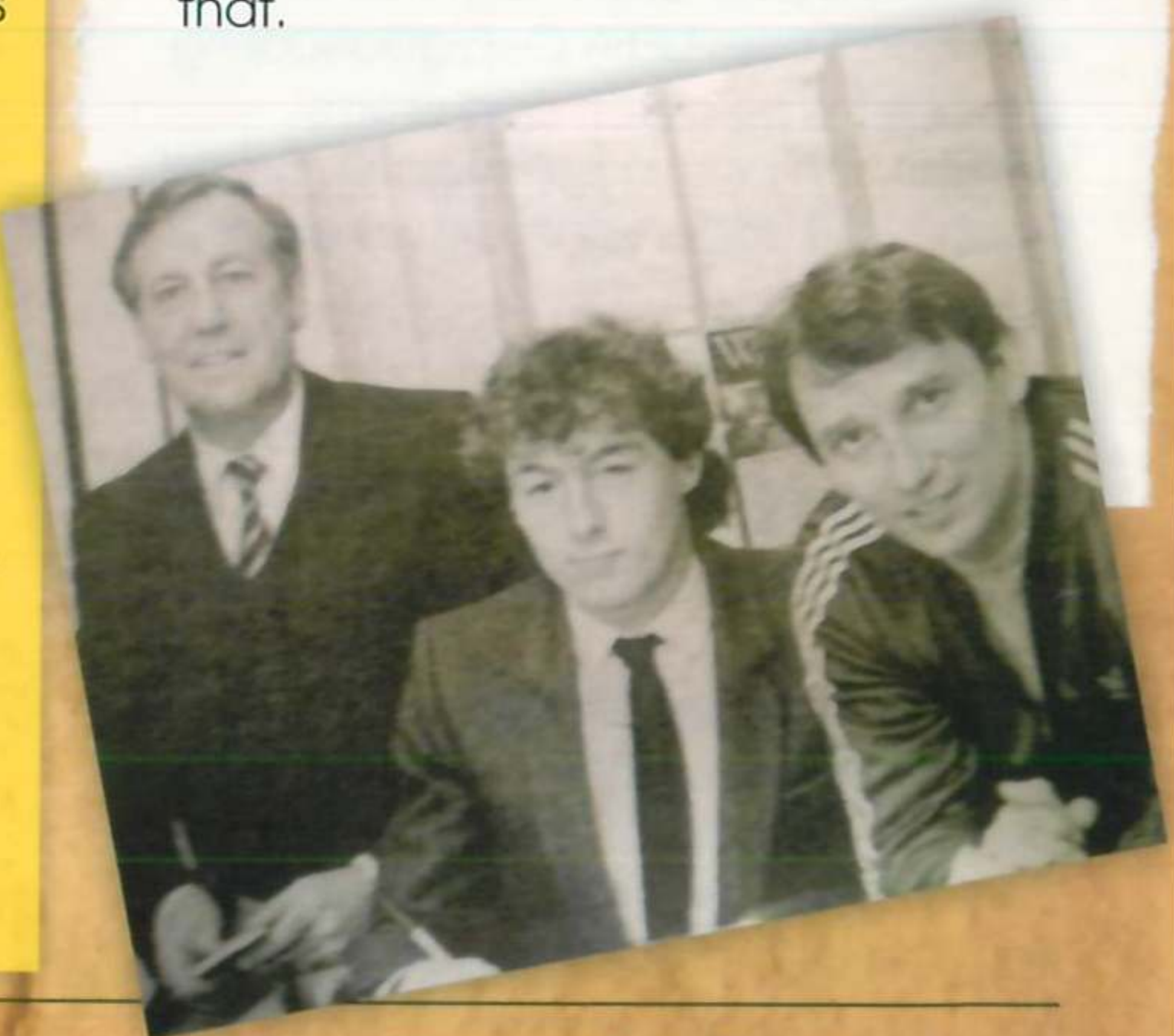
Players wanted to sign for Manchester United and they did. It perhaps served to remind the onlooker just how much in awe of Liverpool's achievements during this era they should have been.

The United line-up below accounted for many a Division One side - and were too good for Taylor's novice-like outfit - but were unable to win anything other than the odd cup here and there.

Man Utd: Bailey, Moses, Albiston, Wilkins, Duxbury, McQueen, Robson, Muhren, Stapleton, Crooks, Graham. Sub not used: Whiteside.

Watford: Sherwood; Palmer, Sims, Franklin, Sinnott, Taylor, Rostron, Callaghan, Johnston, Barnes, Jobson. Sub not used: Richardson.

Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Wilson, MacDonald, Hazell (R Smith 73), Banks, Lynex, A Smith, Eastoe, Ramsey, Rennie.



30 YEARS AGO



UEFA CUP THIRD ROUND FIRST LEG

WATFORD 2 SPARTA PRAGUE 3



Jimmy Gilligan scores to bring Watford back from 2-2 to all-square...but there was to be a late sting from Sparta on the night

AS if Watford needed any further blows to their confidence, a generally ebullient squad of largely young players looked set to travel to Czechoslovakia all-square only for an injury-time goal to leave them reeling at home to Sparta Prague.

With away goals in play, it was effectively a two-goal lead for the Czech league leaders, and they wouldn't be undone on home soil in freezing conditions as it turned out (more of that second leg next week).

Once again the never-say-die Hornets put their wobbly league form to one side and came back from two down - with goals from UEFA Cup goalscoring specialist Wilf Rostron and Jimmy Gilligan - to level a pulsating Vicarage Road night under lights at two apiece.

But, right at the death, Prague's subs combined to fashion a key winner. Denk crossed for Scasny who headed past Sherwood, just in time for German referee Schmidhuber to blow for full-time.

Watford could barely have complained had the scoreline not looked so close. Out of the contest at half-time, a blood-and-thunder second half saw goals from the irrepressible Rostron and sub

Gilligan give the Hornets at least half a chance when heading behind the Iron Curtain.

The Watford Observer's Oliver Phillips described the efforts of Taylor's side as "an incredible and unexpected fightback but there was no happy end to this night".

Hornets' fans would have been forgiven for thinking every midweek game under lights at Vicarage Road enjoys a fairy-tale ending - but the Czechs were in no mood to indulge such light thinking.

Watford had performed miracles to get to Round Three of the competition. They needed another one of huge proportions to turn around a deficit away to the Czechoslovakian league leaders a fortnight hence.

Watford: Sherwood, Gibbs, Sims, Franklin, Rostron, Taylor, Jackett (Jobson HT), Callaghan, Richardson, Barnes, Johnson (Gilligan 76). Subs not used: Steele, Terry, Price.

Sparta: Olejar, Beilik, Straka, Hasek, Beznoska, Berger, Skuhravy, Chovanec, Griga (Scasny 78), Calta, Prochazka (Denk 62). Subs not used: Jarolmi, Drahokoupi, Dostal.

Attendance: 15,590.

Late go with m

THE DOOR to the UEFA Cup qualification for Watford on Wednesday night, but a late goal. Their hopes of progress were a goal, scored in the last attack of the first half. And that after they had battered an opponent that had been slammed shut.

Once again the Hornets hauled themselves back to the ranks of contenders with a spirited, second-half comeback against the Czech league leaders. Two goals down at the interval, they did not appear to have a prayer, but first swashbuckling Wilf Rostron then substitute Jimmy Gilligan completed the revival to level the scores with six minutes to go.

It was an incredible and unexpected fightback, but there was no happy end to this night. Sparta broke on the right, capitalised on carelessness and, when away goals are taken into consideration, headed themselves into the equivalent of a two-goal lead for the second leg.

Watford, outplayed and often outplayed in the first half, now have to chalk up a 1-0 victory in Prague, knowing that a 1-0 win will not be enough to stop the Czechs going through to the quarter-finals. After 90



Richardson prepared to clear from behind

it has been that television seemed to form that Ian Richardson's hopeful, sixth-minute shot was the last of the half had been

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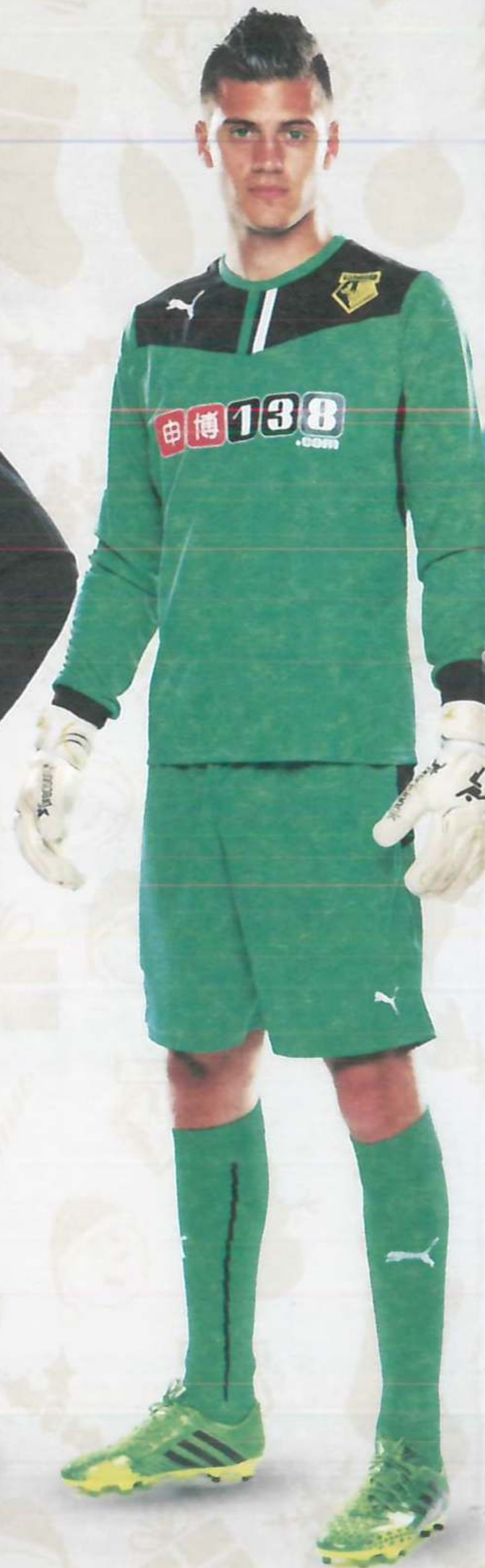


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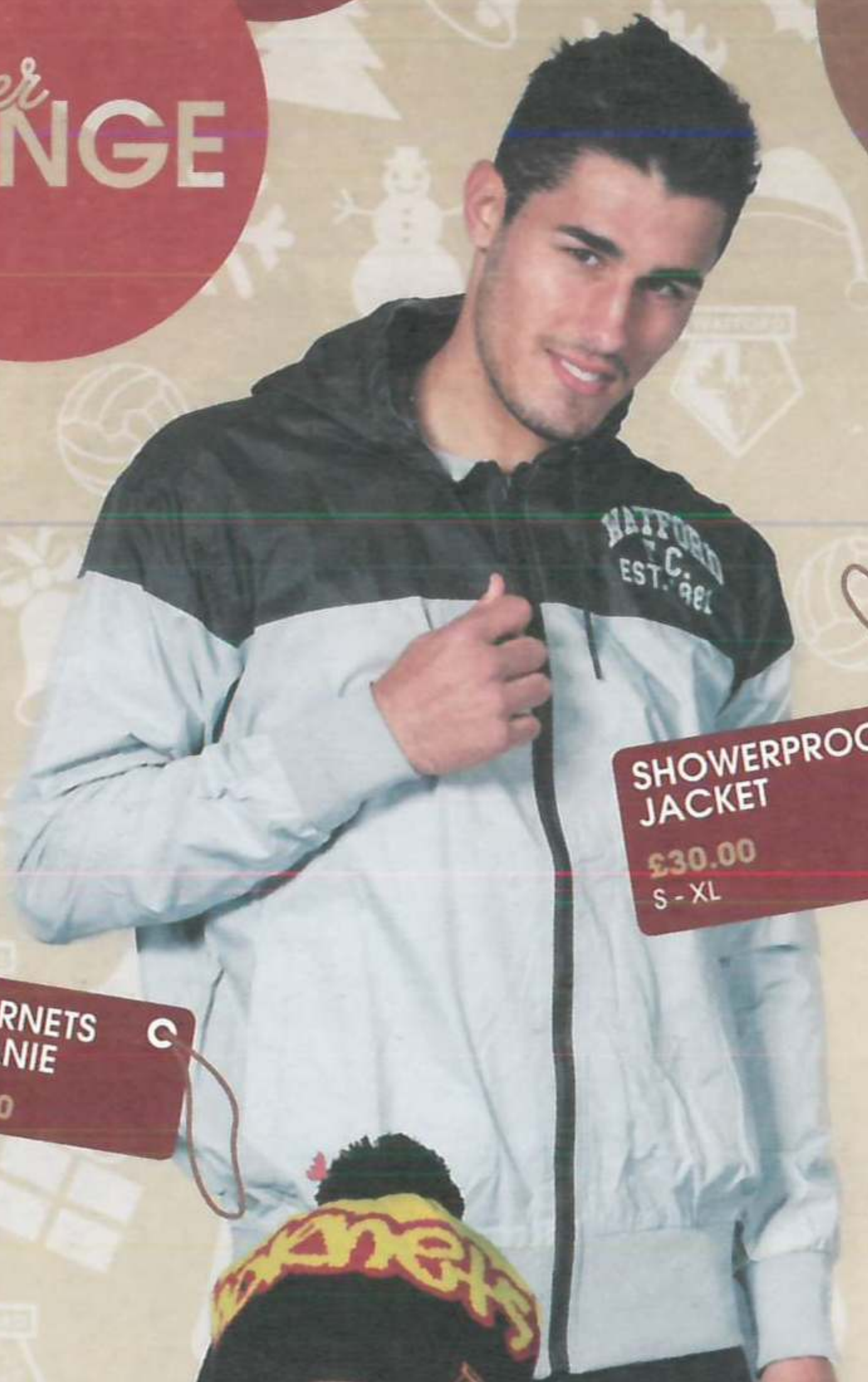
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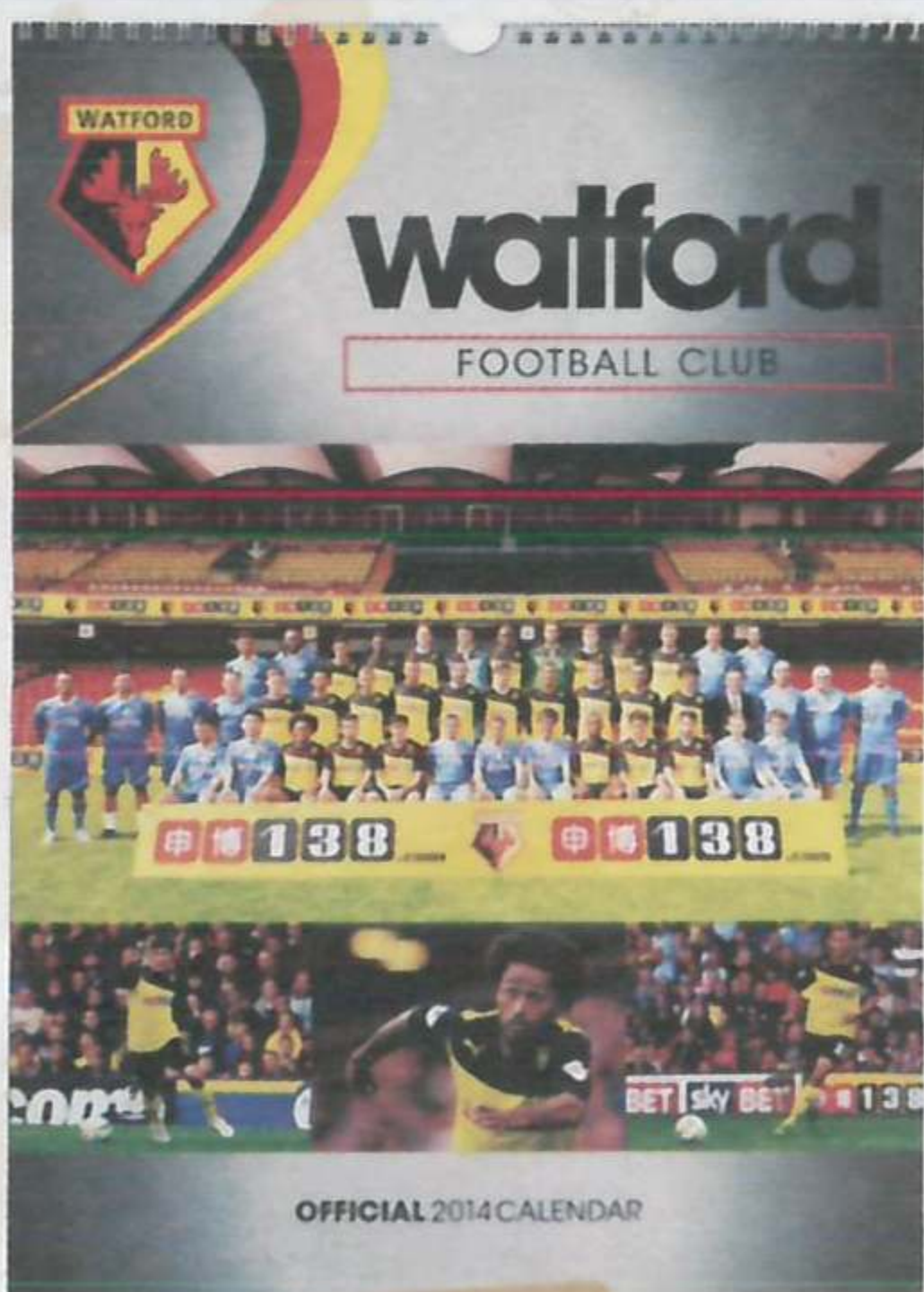
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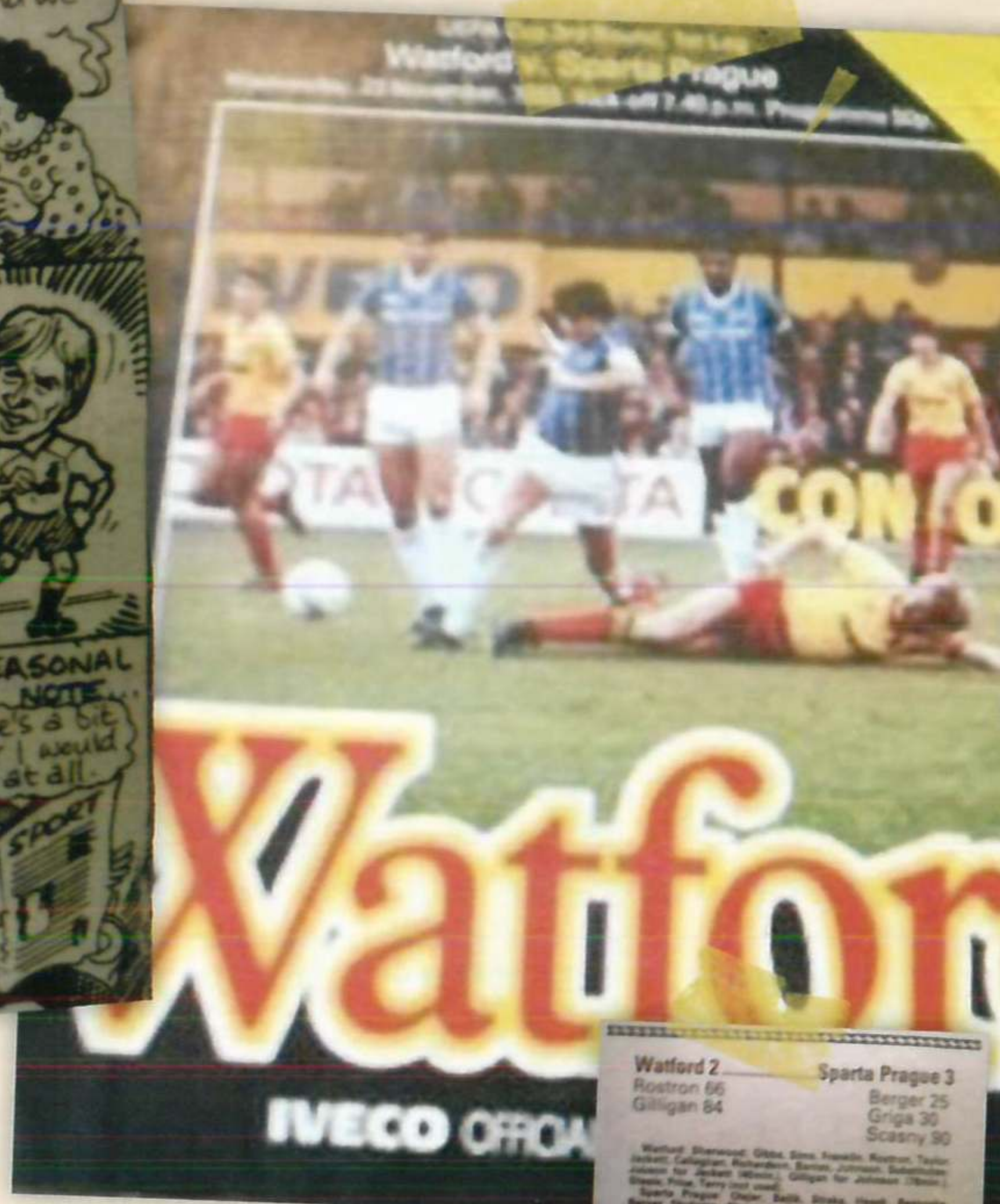


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it the "Czech syndrome" after Sparta had lost their 2-0 lead. But Watford's approach, inspired by a half-time rocket from Graham Taylor, was so different in the second half. They fought and clawed their way back into the game and as time approached, it looked as if the young ones had produced another legitimate heir to the succession of special Watford nights.

But all was lost in the last minute when Steve Sims made a hesitant commitment on the Sparta right flank and Watford's defence had no answer to Denk's pinpoint centre and Seamy's well-taken, crucial header.

But of course Watford lost the game in the first half. They seemed hesitant, even overawed by their opponents. As Taylor was later to put it: "It was hard to understand exactly how we had prepared for this game. Yet with young players you are going to get this every now and again."

Yet their second-half showing deserved better than a last-second defeat.

It was never a classic game. There were too few thrills and goalmouth incidents to ignite the crowd. There were too few moments of flowing, penetrating football and much through one admired the Sparta interpassing, it less trusted more than punctuated

despite his late lapse, combined well but the defensive hero was young Nigel Gibbs, tossed into the fray three days after his 18th birthday. He hardly put a foot wrong, intercepted well and demonstrated a calmness and composure which has not been seen in Watford number two shirt this season, and his distribution was excellent.

Watford lost out a lot in midfield although Richard Johnson brought a noticeable improvement to the area after the break in place of the understandably subdued Kenny Jackett.

In attack, Barnes produced the odd moment of magic, particularly when he set up Watford's equaliser, but for the most part the attack was lightweight against rugged, strong and big opponents whose man-to-man marking often nullified the attacks.

Certainly Sparta were rocking when their lead was cut. The West German referee seemed to be giving Watford everything after the break and a penalty almost appeared on the cards at Watford could only have worked the penalty area in the last five minutes.

Watford's best move provided them with the equaliser, fashioned by Barnes, followed by Callaghan, Richardson, and finished off with a shot that hit the

appointment and might have been.

"We scored with our first two shots. That really knocked their confidence," said the Sparta boss. "Obviously we are very confident of the outcome in the second leg."

But Watford must hope that the Turkish officials are more observant than the West German, for obviously the Richardson "goal" was a crucial break. That punterless early period would have been fatal Watford's way had the goal been given. Instead it was another bolt from the blue which established the pattern of this game, when Berger unleashed his spectacular effort and gave the visitors the ascendancy.

Sherwood had no chance with this effort, but again, Leicester and Sparta he was beaten with a similar shot which causes one to ponder over his positioning.

But the crucial blow of all was the last-minute winner. Once again Watford were beaten in the death—the sort of setback which further erodes confidence. As Taylor put it earlier in the week: "When you have experienced failure, you start looking for it."

So, at the end, the task proved too much. It was a close try and Watford, who have scaled the old mountain to achieve just one

Taylor calls for 'two superhuman efforts' in Europe

WATFORD are looking for a joint effort by players and public on Wednesday night, in a bid to send the Hornets off for the second leg with a fair lead in the UEFA Cup third round.

"If we can get through the next round and into the quarter finals, the whole tournament goes into cold storage until March. That gives us something to look forward to and gives us breathing space in which to settle everything down and get the injured fit," said Graham Taylor.

"It would also mean that all the players on my books now, or those signed before December 7, would be eligible for the next round in the UEFA Cup."

What it needs is two more superhuman efforts by the fans and the players, to try and achieve this.

Watford are looking for another of those "special nights" against Sparta Prague, while appreciating that the fans are a little hesitant in their approach to first leg ties.

"It is understandable. At the end of the first leg, there is no result, just half time to speak. Of course we would have preferred to have had the first leg in Prague. But we had a 16,500 strong crowd against Levski which was a little quiet I suppose, despite me issuing the klaxon horns."

but Prague are a big side. They are touched by a very shrewd and charming man in Václav Jizek. I flew out with to Prague after he had watched us action against Leicester and they watch us again at Old Trafford.

"He is an old man's friend. He coached in 1976 European Championship with side. He's 62 years old and very capable. He's played against English teams: they know more about English sides than English sides know about them."

Jizek in fact coached Feyenoord for spells and The Hague during his career, and after each stint abroad, he returns to Sparta. His arrival in Prague last season heralded an improvement in Sparta's fortunes. They were in danger of relegation but Jizek stopped the team to the bone, brought in youngsters and to them to third place and the UEFA Cup qualification.

Sparta, who play 4-3-3, constitute a most serious threat yet to Watford progress and must be regarded as far more formidable opponents than Levski Sparta.

Ironically four Sparta players were capped for Czechoslovakia in their recent defeat at the hands of Bulgaria — the first such defeat for several years.

While English fans may be more familiar with the name of Dukla Prague they are, like Honved in Hungary, an artificially created army team. When Taylor watched Sparta play before 28,000 fans, Dukla had less than 2,000. Sparta are the traditionally popular side in Prague followed by people in high places while Sparta are a legacy of Stalinist policies which deposited Army teams in various centres in an effort to replace the old traditions and values.

Czech teams are traditionally short-passing exponents and this is the game both fans and players love, yet their



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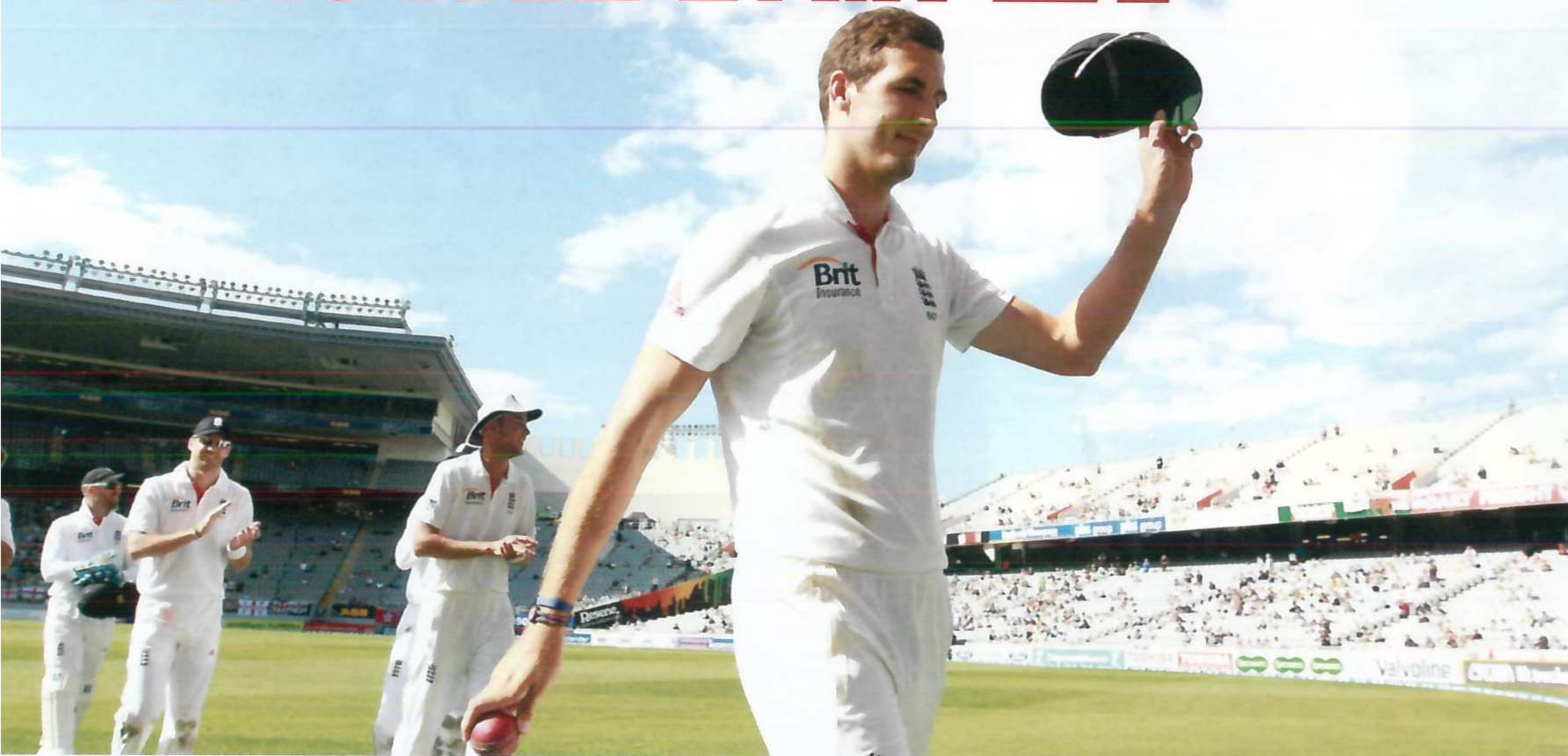
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EXCLUSIVE: With the Ashes First Test just days old, England cricketer Steven Finn speaks about his love for Watford with programme editor Steve Scott

FINN: "HORNETS HAVE PLAYED A BIG PART IN MY LIFE"



Ask any Watford supporter where they were when Troy Deeney bundled home the most dramatic of late goals in last season's Play-Off Semi-Final and they'll have little problem recalling their exact whereabouts.

England cricketer Steven Finn is no different – in fact the Watford-born fast bowler admits the incredible 97th-minute strike against Leicester was almost responsible for making him late to an important meeting with his international teammates.

"I was watching the game on TV in my living room, waiting to drive into London for a team meeting at The Oval, but I was just putting it off for as long as I could," says Finn, a former Parmiter's School pupil.

"I remember I was there in my boxers just trying to get changed last-minute before I had to leave, and then Troy scored that goal and I just went bananas running around the living room!

"It was such an amazing moment that really brought everyone together and as a fan it was one of my best moments of



being a Watford supporter."

A devoted follower of the Hornets since childhood, Finn admits he has been hooked on the Golden Boys ever since witnessing an incredible 6-3 win over Grimsby Town from the now-

demolished East Stand in his first visit to The Vic, aged just seven.

"I grew up in Cassiobury and now live in Kings Langley, so Watford's very much been engrained in me since a young age," says Finn, who plays his county cricket for Middlesex.

"My mum's been a supporter her whole life, she went to the 1984 FA Cup Final and I remember coming to Vicarage Road to do tours and meet the players when I was a young lad.

"I've got very fond memories of being at the club, I think I even had a birthday party there many years ago, so it's



“ I WAS AT THE WIGAN GAME THIS SEASON AND I MANAGED TO BRING STUART BROAD LAST YEAR WHEN WE BEAT NOTTINGHAM FOREST 2-0. HE WAS PRETTY SOUR AND I’VE BEEN RUBBING IT IN EVER SINCE!

something that’s played a big part in my life and whenever I’m around I come along and I love it.”

Like most supporters, Finn has lived through his fair share of highs and lows as a Watford fan over the years, but the 24-year-old says he has enjoyed many cherished moments following the ‘Orns at home and on the road.

“I’ve travelled to quite a few away games in my time, like the FA Cup Semi-Finals. I remember watching us play Manchester United at Villa Park, and I also saw us beat Chelsea 1-0 at home during the first year we were in the Premier League,” says Finn, who lists Tommy Mooney and Paul Robinson as his all-time favourite Hornets.

“I had a season ticket for three or four years in the Lower Rous and when Allan Smart scored his goal against Chelsea I went bananas about it! That’s one of the best games, and also the Play-Off Final in 1999 when Nick Wright scored the

overhead kick, I remember being there for that and thinking this is incredible.”

Finn, who has just short of 100 wickets in Test cricket, is equally enthusiastic about Gianfranco Zola’s current crop of Golden Boys.

“The brand of football they’re playing is completely different from what I remember growing up watching Watford play, and that’s really exciting to see,” he says.

“You can see there’s been a massive shunt and change in their style – they play it out of the defence and through the middle and the link-up play is excellent. To come and watch them often put three or four goals past their opposition, and do it in a really classy manner, is just fantastic to watch.

“Whenever my time allows it I get down to watch a game. I was at the Wigan game this season and I managed to bring Stuart Broad last year when we beat Nottingham Forest 2-0. He was pretty sour and I’ve been rubbing it in ever since!”

It’ll be a long winter for England’s cricketers, who left for Australia in late October, with those involved in the One-Day and Twenty20 series not due to return until February. But Finn insists he’ll have no problem staying abreast of all the latest news from The Vic.

“A lot of the Premier League games are shown abroad but no so many Championship games, although I’m pretty good at keeping up-to-date with what’s going on and who’s scoring the goals,” he says.

“I’ve got apps on my phone updating me with the scores and messages flashing up every time there’s a goal in a game, so I’ll be keeping a close eye out from Australia, that’s for sure.”



matchday mascots



Welcome to all of our mascots here this afternoon for our Sky Sports fixture! Let's here you cheering on the Hornets loud and proud!

Happy belated birthday to **ALFIE SMITH**, who celebrated becoming six years old on November 9. He tells us cricket, tennis and playing football for Abbots Youth FC

are his favourite hobbies. Alfie's top Hornets are Javier Acuna, Troy Deeney and Fernando Forestieri. *Score Prediction: 2-1*



CAMERON FAVELL is 12 years of age and enjoys music and playing his X-Box. His favourite Hornet is super-stopper Manuel Almunia. *Score Prediction: 3-0*



VINNIE HOLLIDAY will celebrate his 11th birthday on December 4. Striker Fernando Forestieri is his favourite player and he enjoys playing PS3, looking after his pet kittens and playing football. *Score*

Prediction: Vinnie doesn't want to 'jinx' the result by predicting the score!



JAMES READ ORTEGA

celebrated his seventh birthday on November 1. He has a list of favourite players including Sean Murray, Fernando Forestieri and Troy Deeney. James' hobbies include running, football and reading. *Score Prediction: 3-1*



Happy eighth birthday to **KRISTI WALKER** for today! She tells us gymnastics and cheerleading are two of her favourite things to do, and she lists striker Troy Deeney as her top Golden Boy! *Score Prediction: 2-0*



Supporting Bolton Wanderers today is nine-year-old **JOEL BURGESS**, who lives in Bolton. His hobbies include playing on the X-Box and football, and his favourite players include Stuart Holden and Jay Spearing. *Score Prediction: 1-1*



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HARRY'S LOOKALIKE

HORROR INJURY!

On 5th December 2004, Swiss midfielder Paulo Diogo lost most of a finger during a fixture between Servette FC and FC Schaffhausen. But how did the unfortunate Diogo receive this 'freak' injury?

- A** He caught his wedding ring in a crowd fence celebrating a goal.
- B** He slid into an advertising hoarding.
- C** He caught a pine marten (a small weasel like mammal) which ran on the pitch, biting his finger.



HARRY & MARV
FROM HOME ALONE



FELLAINI & ROONEY

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Can you match these five players from our 2010/11 squad to the clubs they now play for?



Stephen McGinn



Lee Hodson



Piero Mingoia



Scott Loach



Don Cowie



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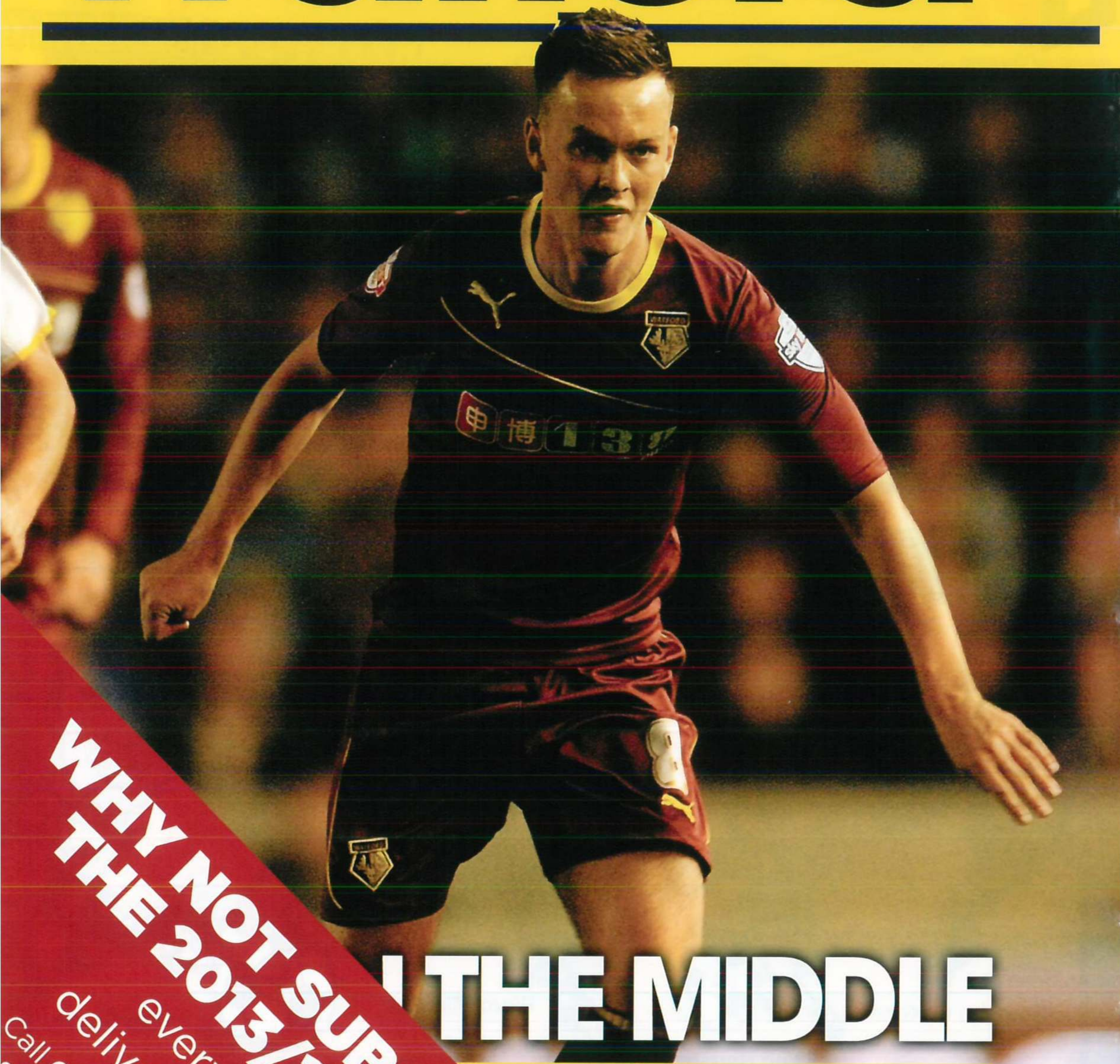


Leicester City Issue's Answer: The red and yellow rocket came from 'Box A'.

HARRY'S PREDICTION: HORNETS 2 - BOLTON WANDERERS 1

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The Hornets Show is back for a new series, exclusively to Hornets Player subscribers. In this month's episode, Jon Marks and Derek Payne are in the studio discussing the opening months of the new season. Plus, in the first of a new feature, we find out who the training ground head tennis champions are!

Also, Jonathan Bond talks about his season so far in 'Up Close', Lloyd Doyley surprises some Junior Hornets

at home as we go 'In Your House', plus Cristian Battocchio, Javier Acuna and Iriney look around the new music gym at Cedars Community Centre in Harrow. There's also exclusive action from the Open Training Session held at Vicarage Road last month.

The Hornets Show is available to view on Hornets Player now - to see this episode and to ensure you don't miss out on the next big 'Troy Talks' interview go to www.player.watfordfc.com

All this and lots more for less than 10p a day!



PAYNEY'S predictions

Andy Watt (above right), from Watford, represents the fans today in our head-to-head prediction game with our regular Hornets Player co-commentator Derek Payne. The fans still lead by three points after Alice Arnold drew 4-4 with Payney in the Leicester programme.

	P	F	A	Pts
Watford fans	4	21	17	7
Payney	4	17	21	4

If you would like to be our next fan representative to challenge Payney, then send an email to programme@watfordfc.com with 'Payney's Predictions' as the subject header and we will select one fan for each home game to take on our very own Payney!

	PAYNEY	WATFORD FANS
Sheff Wed v Huddersfield	HOME	DRAW
Birmingham v Blackpool	DRAW	HOME
Blackburn v Reading	HOME	HOME
Bournemouth v Derby	AWAY	HOME
Ipswich v Leicester	DRAW	DRAW
Leeds v Middlesbrough	HOME	HOME
Millwall v Barnsley	HOME	HOME
Nottm For v Burnley	DRAW	DRAW
QPR v Charlton	HOME	HOME
Wigan v Brighton	HOME	AWAY

Jon MARKS



The TV broadcasting landscape changed recently when BT Sport secured exclusive Champions League and Europa League rights in a huge deal with UEFA.

Is this deal and the emergence of another broadcaster that is not free-to-air good for the consumer - the football fan? Probably not, as it will mean choosing between TV subscriptions or paying more to watch all the football that is available.

I think the future of broadcasting football will evolve and change over the next few years. I believe the next generation will want to see every match live on their TV or online, something which has always been seen as a threat to attendances.

But certain matches are broadcast overseas live already and I see more and more questions on social media asking where the match can be seen on an internet feed. I feel that it may only be a matter of time before you will be able to buy a season ticket to watch all your team's matches online, either live or perhaps 'as live' on a delayed feed perhaps. What does that mean for radio? Will there be the demand for live audio if the consumer can watch the game live instead? It would be a shame, because sometimes you can get just as much drama from a radio broadcast, if not more. But I think the future is going to be driven by a demand to 'see' everything rather than 'hear' everything.

As always, let me know your views on all things Watford, you can contact me on Twitter [@jonmarks72](https://twitter.com/jonmarks72).

Jon Marks is the Watford FC matchday commentator for Hornets Player and BBC Three Counties Radio

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Fan Blog Levene's Scene

Programme writer Paul Levene is back for another season, with more personal anecdotal reflections on over 40 years of following the Hornets...

Crawling out of bed at the

unearthly hour of 5.30am for the trip to Middlesbrough, even in a semi-conscious state, I was aware that I was about to take a step back in history. Having recently moved into my new flat and choosing to travel by coach for the trip to Brighton, this was going to be my first train journey starting in Watford to follow the Hornets away for many years.

I left Levene HQ just after 7am with the realisation that winter was just around the corner, as evidenced by the frosted-up car windscreens, although there was the consolation that I only had a very short walk to the Junction. I had expected to see fellow Hornets at the station, mad enough to start their day this early, too, but I hadn't bargained on seeing a Middlesbrough supporter sporting their replica strip as I emerged onto platform nine. I certainly felt over-dressed in comparison, but they do say northern folk are made of sterner stuff!

As it happened, the total journey time to King's Cross was about the same as when I was based in Edmonton. Psychologically, though, it always seems a bit daft to go south before going back north again. Remarkably, considering how a fair number of the travelling contingent would have booked train tickets at totally different times, it appeared that we had at least taken over most of carriage E.

In another first, we were scheduled to change trains in Northallerton, a place I had only ever sped through before heading further north. In spite of spending a mere two minutes in the North Yorkshire town before our connection, there was still

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FOR MANY YEARS**

time for a local to shout at one of the throng for inadvertently wandering back onto the platform while still smoking.

Curiosity got the better of me subsequently to find out a bit more about the town, and I discovered that it was the birthplace of the Dawson brothers - Michael of Spurs, Andy of Scunthorpe and the lesser-known Kevin, formerly of Chesterfield - as well as producing Olympic swimmer Joanne Jackson. Additionally, Northallerton-born Sid Weighell, former General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen,



Andy, Kevin and Michael Dawson - all born in Northallerton, where Paul spent a mere two minutes en-route to Middlesbrough

was also a professional footballer and played for Sunderland's second string for a couple of seasons in the 1940s.

When we arrived on Teesside, weary feet were rested at the Isaac Wilson pub in the town centre for a very agreeable lunch. Part of a well-known chain, our dining choice was named after a director of the historic Stockton-Darlington railway, who later became an MP in 1878. The stay in the 'Victorian dignitary's hostelry' was extended by a torrential downpour, before a brisk walk to take a seat in a different location for away fans at the Riverside this season.

While the game's denouement was somewhat disappointing from a Watford perspective it was an enjoyable outing overall and, after the awkward midweek trip to Turf Moor up next, travel to most of the remaining away fixtures should feel like plain sailing in comparison!

Paul Levene



Neighbourhood Watch



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STONES CHAIRMAN HOWARD KRAIS IS NEXT IN LINE TO BRING US ALL THE LATEST FROM THE VALE...



It is great to have the opportunity to write another Wealdstone blog for the Watford programme. We have had some excellent feedback and hope you continue to enjoy the articles.

Today Watford welcome Bolton Wanderers. The Wealdstone connection with Bolton is through a certain Jermaine Beckford, a striker who 'learnt his trade' at Wealdstone, coming through our junior ranks before hitting the big time and signing for Leeds United, where he scored more than 70 goals in just over 120 appearances, firing the Whites to promotion back into the Championship.

Jermaine's first-team goalscoring record at the Stones was even more remarkable - 62 goals from just 78 appearances, many of them as a substitute.

We follow Jermaine's career closely. For us at Wealdstone there was great pride at seeing one of our own doing so well in the professional game, with several memorable moments, including the winning goal for Leeds in the FA Cup at Old Trafford against Manchester United.

However, this pride was to be tinged with great disappointment when it became clear that what appeared a potentially lucrative sell-on clause was worthless, as Jermaine moved on a free transfer to Premier League Everton. This meant that instead of hitting the jackpot we got 20 per cent of nothing!

Jermaine followed a well-trodden path at our club of players who have established themselves in the professional game, most notably Stuart Pearce and Vinnie Jones, but there have been many others over the years - including of course the

Hornets' Colin Franks.

For all non-league clubs, finding rough diamonds and polishing them until they are ready to go onto bigger and better things is a critical part of what we do. This season we have several former players plying their trade at least two levels higher now in the Skril Premier. And while our team this season is packed with experience, we do have one or two who certainly have the potential to go much higher than the Ryman Premier League. Who knows, perhaps one day they'll appear just down the road at Watford?

This season our strikers - following in the footsteps of Jermaine - have both experienced life as professional footballers. Top scorer Chris Moore previously starred for Dagenham & Redbridge, while Scott McGleish, who scored in the recent 3-1 win over Carshalton Athletic, has more than 250 goals in a long and distinguished league career.

That win over Carshalton helped keep Wealdstone very much in touch at the top of the Ryman League, only five points off the lead with games in hand. With only one league defeat this term we hope that we'll be right there at the end of the season with a chance of glory.

And you can enjoy Wealdstone matches too. Don't forget that holders of a Watford Season Ticket can gain entry to Wealdstone Ryman League games for half-price. Try us at The Vale when the Hornets are away and you will be most welcome. Visit www.wealdstone-fc.com for more information.

Howard Kraiss

Wealdstone FC Chairman

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2013/14

AUGUST *Home games in bold*

Sat 10	Maidstone U	D	1-1
Mon 12	Bognor Regis Town	D	2-2
Sat 17	Wingate & Finchley	D	2-2
Tue 20	Hampton & Rich' Boro'W	3-0	
Sat 24	Harrow Borough	W	2-0
Mon 26	Enfield Town	W	4-1
Sat 31	Cray Wanderers	W	7-1

SEPTEMBER

Sat 7	Bury Town	W	1-0
Tue 10	AFC Hornchurch	D	1-1
Sat 14	Kings Langley (FAC 1QR)	W	6-1
Sat 21	Thamesmead Town	W	2-0
Mon 23	Lewes	D	2-2
Sat 28	Haringey Boro' (FAC 2QR)	W	4-1

OCTOBER

Sat 5	Margate	L	0-1
Mon 7	Hendon	W	1-0
Sat 12	AFC Hornchurch (FAC 3QR)	L	1-6
Sat 19	Leiston (FAT 1QR)	W	3-0
Sat 26	Grays Athletic	W	3-1

NOVEMBER

Sat 2	Maidstone (FAT 2QR)	D	2-2
Tue 5	Maidstone (FAT 2QRR)	L	0-1
Sat 9	Carshalton Athletic	W	3-1
Sat 16	Cray Wanderers	W	3-0
Sat 23	Leiston		
Tue 26	Harrow Borough		
Sat 30	Dulwich Hamlet		

DECEMBER

Tue 3	Uxbridge (MSC 2R)		
Sat 7	Met Police		
Mon 9	Kingstonian		
Sat 14	Bognor Regis Town		
Tue 17	Lowestoft Town		
Sat 21	Maidstone United		
Thu 26	Enfield Town		
Sat 28	Hampton & Richmond		

JANUARY

Wed 1	Harrow Borough		
Sat 4	Wingate & Finchley		
Sat 11	Canvey Island		
Sat 18	Billericay Town		
Tue 21	Lewes		
Sat 25	Bury Town		

FEBRUARY

Sat 1	Cray Wanderers		
Sat 8	Lowestoft Town		
Mon 10	AFC Hornchurch		
Sat 15	Thamesmead Town		
Sat 22	Hendon		

MARCH

Sat 1	Margate		
Sat 8	Carshalton Athletic		
Sat 15	East Thurrock United		
Sat 22	Leiston		
Sat 29	Dulwich Hamlet		

APRIL

Sat 5	Met Police		
Sat 12	Grays Athletic		
Sat 19	Kingstonian		
Mon 21	Billericay Town		
Sat 26	Canvey Island		

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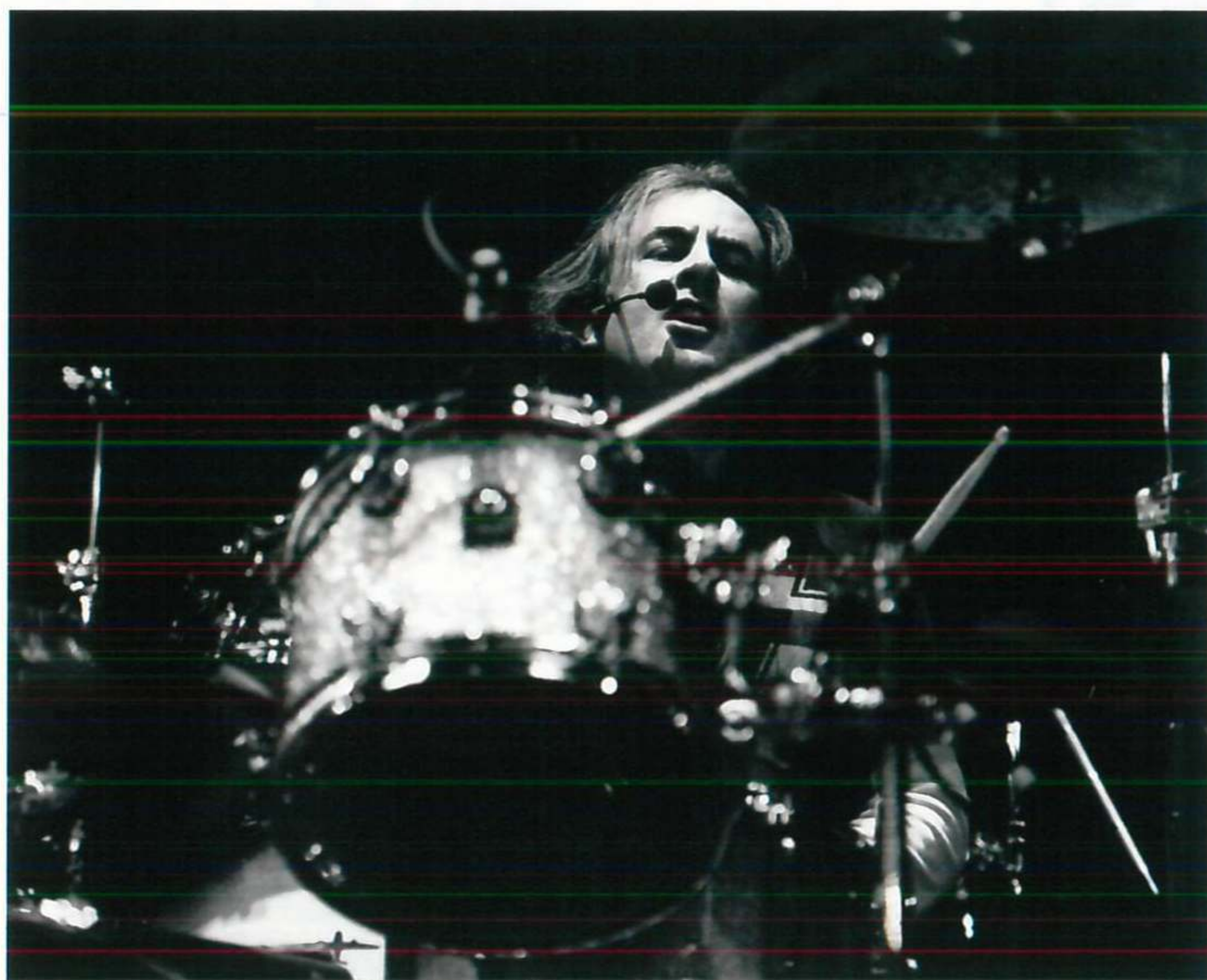
FOOTBALL PUNDIT TURNS ROCK STAR WITH SOLO ALBUM

Here at The Vic covering today's game for talkSPORT, multi-talented Vicarage Road press box regular Ian Danter speaks about the release of his debut album...

Some say sports and rock and roll don't mix, yet in the case of legendary UK sports presenter and multi-instrumentalist Ian Danter, this notion has been proven wrong.

Best known for his highly-successful and fanatical fan-supported Saturday evening show 'Football First' on talkSPORT Radio, as well as presenting both local and national radio programmes in a wide variety of formats for well over a decade, Ian is also a well-respected musician in his own right.

In fact, he can proficiently play several instruments, attributes displayed on his newly-released debut CD 'Prove You Wrong'. On the album, Ian plays drums, guitars, bass and keyboards on each track, as well as taking the lead vocal on three of the 15 songs, with UK hard-rock outfit SHY's lead vocalist Lee Small performing on the remaining 12. Influenced by the likes of Rainbow and



Dio, Ian said: "I loved the music I grew up on because it made me stop and listen. It also made me appreciate good melody and how to construct a song. That is what 'Prove You Wrong' set out to do – to recreate the era of the song, the riff, the feel rather than following a trend."

Releasing a hard-rock record may not be the most conventional of routes for a renowned sports broadcaster to take, something Ian was happy to acknowledge when naming the album.

He explained: "The title 'Prove You Wrong' is all about my desire to show that sports broadcasting and rock music are not mutually exclusive career choices! You can be credible as both, despite

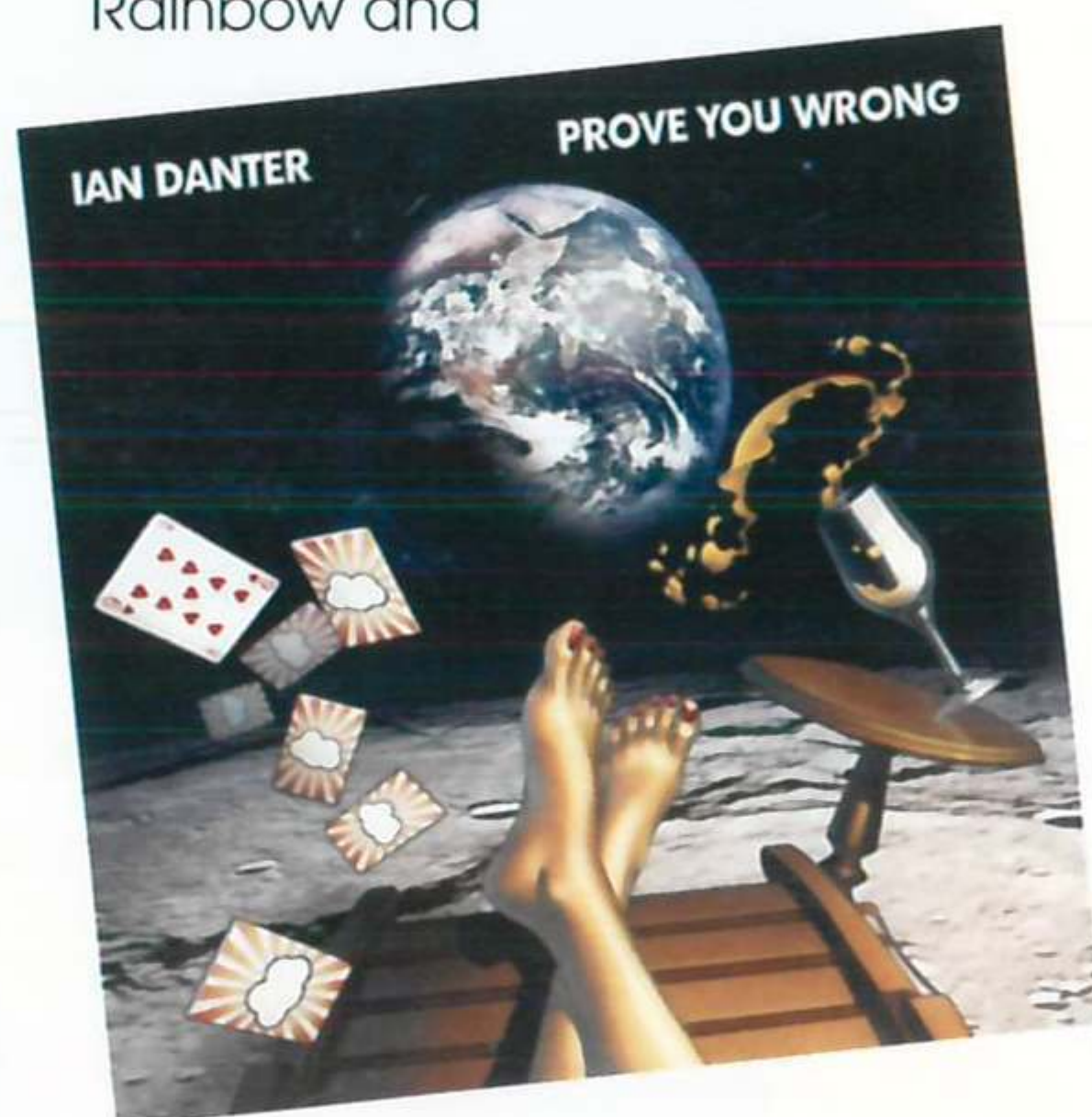
conventional wisdom, and I want to 'prove' that with this album."

Previously drummer with the longest-running KISS tribute band – Dressed To Kill – for five years, Ian lists other key musical influences as Deep Purple, Thin Lizzy and Rush, to name but a few.

He said: "I hope people will get as much out of listening to these songs as I did putting them together. It was a real labour of love, and hard work should always pay off!"

Here's hoping Ian gets to report on a real 'headbanger' of a performance from the Hornets this afternoon!

Visit www.iandanter.co.uk for more details.





60
seconds with...

Troy DEENEY

If you weren't a footballer what would you be?

A bricklayer, or if not that a fireman. I was a bricklayer before I turned professional but I was already thinking about becoming a fireman.

What was the last music you bought or downloaded?

I've actually just downloaded Eminem's album so I'm looking forward to listening to that.

Which song did you sing as part of your first-team initiation at Watford?

I did Pop Champagne by Trey Songz. It was different! I definitely won't make it onto X-Factor but when I'm in the car I think I could definitely make it into the final!

If you could play in one position other than your own what would it be?

Goalkeeper. I've never played there before but I just think it'd be funny. They don't do much throughout the game so I'd be able to take it easy!

What is your favourite film?

John Q with Denzel Washington. It's a very good film. It's a thriller but it pulls the heart strings as well.

What was the last TV series or DVD box set you watched?

Big Bang Theory. I'm also watching Homeland at the



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moment.

Who is your favourite actor or actress?

I like Matt Damon and Meagan Good.

If a movie was made about your life, who would you want to play you?

Denzel Washington.

If you could add one strength to your game what would it be?

More pace.

Who would you dress up as at a fancy dress party?

We had a team night out at Christmas a couple of years back and I went as Donkey from Shrek. I had Mark Yeates on my back all the way round Liverpool town centre!

Which player did you used to imitate in the playground?

I didn't really play much football in the playground, I was the one who thought he was too cool! Thierry Henry and Ian Wright were the players I looked up to though.

Which four players would you pick to play alongside you in your dream five-a-side team?

Thierry Henry, Paul Scholes, Rio Ferdinand and Peter Schmeichel.

What's the most-used app on your mobile phone?

Instagram and Twitter.

What's your favourite sport other than football?

I like basketball. I'm hopefully going to go and watch a game in London next year. I've just started playing golf too, but I'm no good though! There's quite a few of us who play now. There are question marks over Lewis McGugan though, he says he plays but we're yet to see any golf clubs.

If you had to cook a meal to impress somebody, what would it be?

I'm a decent cook. I cooked a chicken and prawn stir fry for the family the other day and it was decent. Nine times out of 10 the missus cooks but every now and again I like to show that I can.

What's your favourite holiday destination?

Normally I'd say Florida but I went to Dubai last year and that was top drawer. I had my son there too so the water parks were good and we got looked after really well. The weather was ridiculous too.

Who makes you laugh the most?

My son makes me laugh a lot. Lloyd Doyley and Uche Ikpeazu make me laugh too - if they made a reality TV show on those two it would get millions watching. Some of the things they say are ridiculously stupid!

What's the best present you've ever given or received?

I bought my missus a new car and she didn't know it was happening. I got her the Land Rover Evoque and I'm a bit of a romantic at times so I put flowers in the back! My son is the best present I've been given.

Sum yourself up in three words.

Angry, stupid, funny.

Tell us something about yourself that we don't know.

I've written my son a couple of books of made-up stories. I'm also working on my own book about my life; it won't be done until I've finished playing. At the moment I'm up to when I was about 10, so I'm breaking it down into stages.



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HALF-TIME QUIZ

**ANSWERS AT
BOTTOM OF THE PAGE**

Spies in the Camp 2

In each of these games, the Watford line-up contained two players who went on to play for the opposition. Name those players (includes active subs).



- 1** 0-1 defeat to Derby County at Vicarage Road in August 2011 (Champ)
- 2** 1-0 win over Burnley at Vicarage Road in August 1997 (Div Two)
- 3** 1-0 win over Birmingham City at Vicarage Road in May 1999 (Play-Off)
- 4** 2-2 draw with Reading at Vicarage Road in September 2008 (Champ)
- 5** 4-1 win over Newcastle United at Vicarage Road in April 1986 (Div One)
- 6** 4-0 win over Coventry City at Vicarage Road in February 2006 (Champ)
- 7** 4-0 defeat to Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park in February 1996 (Div One)
- 8** 2-1 win over Luton Town at Kenilworth Road in January 2006 (Champ)

Watford and Bolton Bit



- 1** In October 1993 a hat-trick from which midfielder helped the Hornets recover from 3-0 down with 20 minutes to go to record a 4-3 victory over the Trotters at Vicarage Road?
- 2** Who made the last of his 168 appearances for the Hornets as an 89th minute substitute in this fixture last February?
- 3** Watford's only win at the Reebok came in October 1998, a game which saw us switch from 5-3-2 to a 4-4-2 that would secure a second successive promotion. Which centre-back missed out, and would never play for the Hornets again after four-and-a-half years as a first-team regular?
- 4** Goalkeeper and Wanderers fan Sam Ashton made one appearance for the first team – as a late sub in a cup tie at Vicarage Road in 2006. In what way was this particularly unusual?
- 5** Which striker, who spent loan spells at both Bolton and Watford in 2008, joined Warta Poznań in the western division of the Polish third tier, this summer?

Bolton Bit



- 1** During the Trotters' 11-year spell in the top flight from 2001-2012, on how many occasions did they qualify for Europe?
- 2** In 1993, then-third tier Wanderers knocked holders Liverpool out of the FA Cup. Which Scottish forward pairing scored the goals in a 2-0 third round replay at Anfield?
- 3** Which Wanderers striker was capped by England aged 23 in 2002, but was playing in the third tier five years later?
- 4** Bolton famously won the first FA Cup Final to be held at Wembley Stadium, 'the White Horse Final' in front of 127,000 spectators in 1923. Who did they beat?
- 5** Which current Premier League player made over 500 appearances for Wanderers?

ANSWERS Spies in the Camp 2: 1 John Eustace & Craig Forsyth; 2 Micah Hyde & Giffon Noel-Williams; 3 Tommy Mooney & Paul Robinson; 4 Adrian Mariappa & Jobi McAnuff; 5 John Barnes & Malcolm Allen; 6 Marlon King & Jordan Stewart; 7 Kevin Miller & Kevin Phillips; 8 Clarke Carlisle & Matthew Spring. **The Bolton Bit:** 1-Twice; 2-Andy Walker & John McGinlay; 3-Michael Ricketts; 4-West Ham United; 5-Jussi Jaaskelainen. **The Watford/Bolton Bit:** 1-Gary Porter; 2-John Eustace; 3-Kelvin Millen; 4-He was brought on as an outfield player (striker); 5-Grzegorz Rasiak. **Fill in the Gaps:** 1-Darren Bazeley; 2-Steve Palmer; 3-Michel Ndonge; 4-Eidur Gudjohnsen; 5-Ricardo Gardner; 6-Neil Cox.

Name the team

Fill in the gaps in the starting line-ups. Answers at the bottom of facing page

WATFORD 2
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PLAY-OFF FINAL
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three years ago, Westfield have managed two cup runners-up spots before last season securing promotion to the Premier League. Overhearing fans during the match, it's clear there are aspirations to go higher still.

Avoiding Wiggins & Co's Tour of Britain, my wife dropped me in White Rose Lane, for the leisurely short stroll to the ground, through Woking Park. Passing the skate park en route naturally brought back some uncomfortable memories but the sight of floodlights towering behind drew me in like a

"Do not do anything where you might knock your hand," declared the consultant, hypnotising me with his stare.

Pondering this back home, my mind attempted to dissect the footballing headache I now faced. Barnsley was clearly off the cards but as I scanned the possible 'yellows', one fixture leapt off the map.

Sited within a pleasant area of parkland on the affluent side of town, this 'other team' provided the perfect answer to my dilemma. Somewhat overshadowed, Westfield have always cut out a niche existence, literally over the road from Martin Tyler's boyhood team Woking FC.

Founded as Westfield Boys Club in 1953, within 25 years the team had risen up the pyramid, moved into their current home, notched up Surrey Senior League titles, and become founder members of the Home Counties League. Now renamed the Combined Counties League, Westfield FC have played in it ever since, however fortune has once again begun to cast its eye their way. Following massive ground improvements



homing beacon.

As the players warmed up, a circumnavigation of the beautiful pitch they share with the ladies team revealed grass banks topped with newly-planted trees. Whilst these would make for very relaxed viewing in the warmer months, the highlight of this ground is surely the clubhouse's first floor veranda. Situated above a small stand, fans were already socialising on it as club volunteers finalised arrangements for the young mascots.

Once pleasantries were out of the way, Thame kicked off, signalling the start of some big cup tie caginess. Without making any real advances both teams tested out the opposition, but in truth both also looked lethargic. The highlight of the opening exchanges was a wonderful air-kick by Thame's Louis Cordice, which took out the corner flag as the ball trickled into touch.

Up the other end, Liam Parrington, Max Blackmore, Dan Band and Jack Williams all demonstrated promising build-up play without actually seeing what the visiting keeper, Lee Farrow, was capable of. Then 20 minutes in, to everyone's surprise, and some relief, Shane Cheeseman hit a low half-volley from the edge of the crowded box, which somehow crept in.

It still wasn't pretty but being a goal up, Westfield relaxed more and began to improve. 'Come on Thame...you can do it', came a retort to my right (even though all evidence seemed to belie such optimism, until the final 10 minutes of the half). First Luke Beale went on a terrific run into the danger zone, then Williams' overhead kick was blocked on the line, James Norman shot wide and in goal Craig Bradshaw made an incredible save, low down to keep Westfield in front.

Starting the second half, Bradshaw again made two unbelievable blocks. Determined to compete, Thame had improved but the centre-halves marshalled them well, setting up attacks on the break. The first to capitalise from this was Blackmore, who twisted and turned before firing home. From then on the contest was over, Westfield



increasingly dominated in defence and when Adam Beale drove the ball in during injury time, it was just the icing on the cake.



Stepping back into the clubhouse for more of the fine hospitality, one visitor – nicely demonstrating the pleasant atmosphere off the field – graciously admitted 'well they were the better team'.

In a week when Gianfranco Zola was insisting Watford needed to be prepared to win ugly, it was enjoyable to observe a team following his instructions so precisely. Even better was witnessing a Watford fan, centre-back Mark Tyler (pictured left), wearing

black boots and being named Man of the Match.

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**Leicester City,
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Midfielder Josh McEachran receives the Sports and Trophies-sponsored Man of the Match award from Mustapha Jaeben of South & East Mids Hire.



Jack Woodward, who was celebrating his 30th birthday, chose to meet Fernando Forestieri as part of the My Favourite Player package



Hornets striker Troy Deeney poses for a photo with Kris Wilson and friends, who had also taken advantage of the My Favourite Player package



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Throughout the 2013/14 season, ***Matt Rowson*** gives us the lowdown on those nations to have qualified for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil...

How they Got there

An imposing home record saw Honduras unbeaten in Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula in 10 games spanning two qualifying rounds. They laid down a marker by coming from behind to beat the USA in San Pedro Sula in their opening final round tie, US-based Jerry Bengtson scoring a late winner after a defensive mix-up involving Tim Howard and Geoff Cameron. It was at the Azteca in Mexico City in September that the most significant result was achieved however; China-based veteran Carlos Costly scored the winner as Los Catrachos again came from behind to seal a win that ultimately condemned Mexico to a qualifying play-off against New Zealand. Honduras' qualification was confirmed with a draw away at Lloyd Doyley's Jamaica a month later.



North and Central American Qualifying Round 4 Final Standings

	GP	GD	PTS
U.S.A.	10	+7	22
COSTA RICA	10	+6	18
HONDURAS	10	+1	15
MEXICO	10	-2	11
PANAMA	10	-4	8
JAMAICA	10	-8	5

Domestic League

The Liga Nacional de Fútbol Profesional de Honduras (LNP) has been in operation since 1964. In common with many southern and central American leagues, it operates two competitions per year, an Apertura in the autumn and Clausura in the spring. The league boasts 10 clubs who play each other in a round-robin with the top six qualifying for a staggered play-off to decide the champion. One team is relegated per year, that with the worst aggregate record over the Apertura and the Clausura, whilst the winners of each qualify for the CONCACAF Champions League. Olimpia from Tegucigalpa have the most titles (27) and are the only side from Honduras to have won the Champions League, most recently in 1985. Motagua (12) and Real España (10) are the next most successful sides. Squads are largely Honduran with a smattering of South Americans; the lone European in the top tier is Marathón's Spanish forward Pablo Rodriguez, whose eclectic career has taken him to Cyprus, Romania, India, and a spell in Ireland with Bray Wanderers.



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The Flag

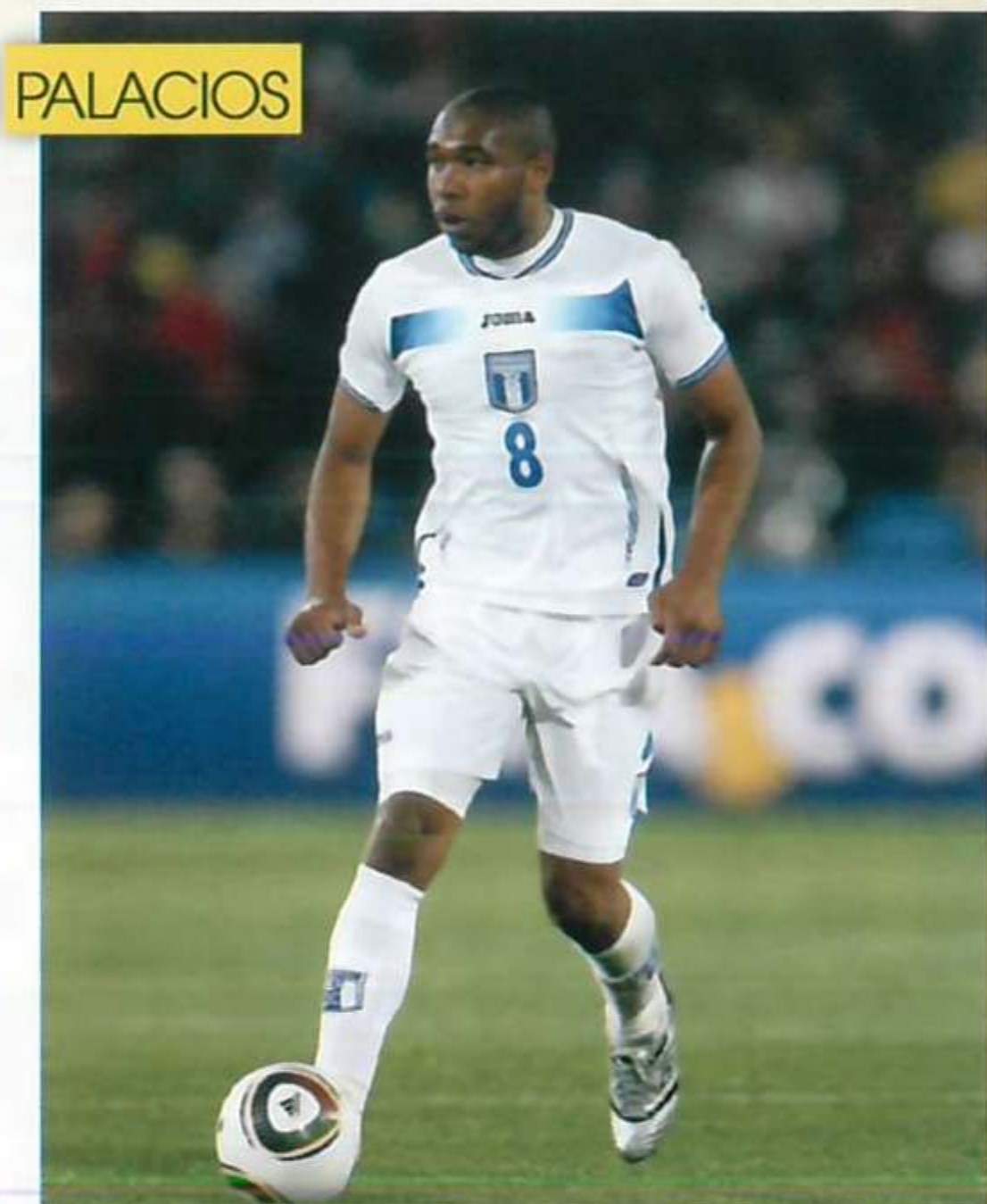


The national flag of Honduras was adopted in 1866, and based on that of the preceding Federal Republic of Central America. The outer blue stripes represent the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, with the five central stars representing the five original states of the former Federal Republic (Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Costa Rica).





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Familiar Faces

The Honduras squad boasts a number of UK-based players with a predictable emphasis on Wigan Athletic; current Latins Juan Carlos García and Roger Espinoza are certain selections, whilst old boys Wilson Palacios (Stoke City) and Maynor Figueroa (Hull City) will also feature. Celtic left back and SPL Player of the Year Emilio Izaguirre will also be part of the squad, but other than these names there is little European experience in the roster, with the MLS being a more frequent destination for ex-pats.



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World Cup Chances

This will be Honduras' third finals, and whilst they weren't humiliated either at España '82 (where they drew with the hosts) or in South Africa four years ago (where they drew with Switzerland and again faced the Spanish), they still await their first finals victory. The South African adventure ended without a goal being scored and saw the departure of coach Reinaldo Rueda. His replacement, Luis

Fernando Suarez, had worked with Honduras' junior teams and has introduced a new generation to a national side who will be awkward opponents at worst in Brazil.



Honduran Watford

Real España hail from San Pedro Sula in the North West, Honduras' second city and by reputation one of the most violent in the world. They display an uncompromising stance to their club colours, with their first, second and third kits all combinations of yellow and black. The only club in America to hold the 'Real' monicker, granted by King Juan Carlos I of Spain's patronage in 1977, their most recent national triumph was the 2010/11 Apertura; they look set to qualify for the final play-off stage of the current Apertura also.



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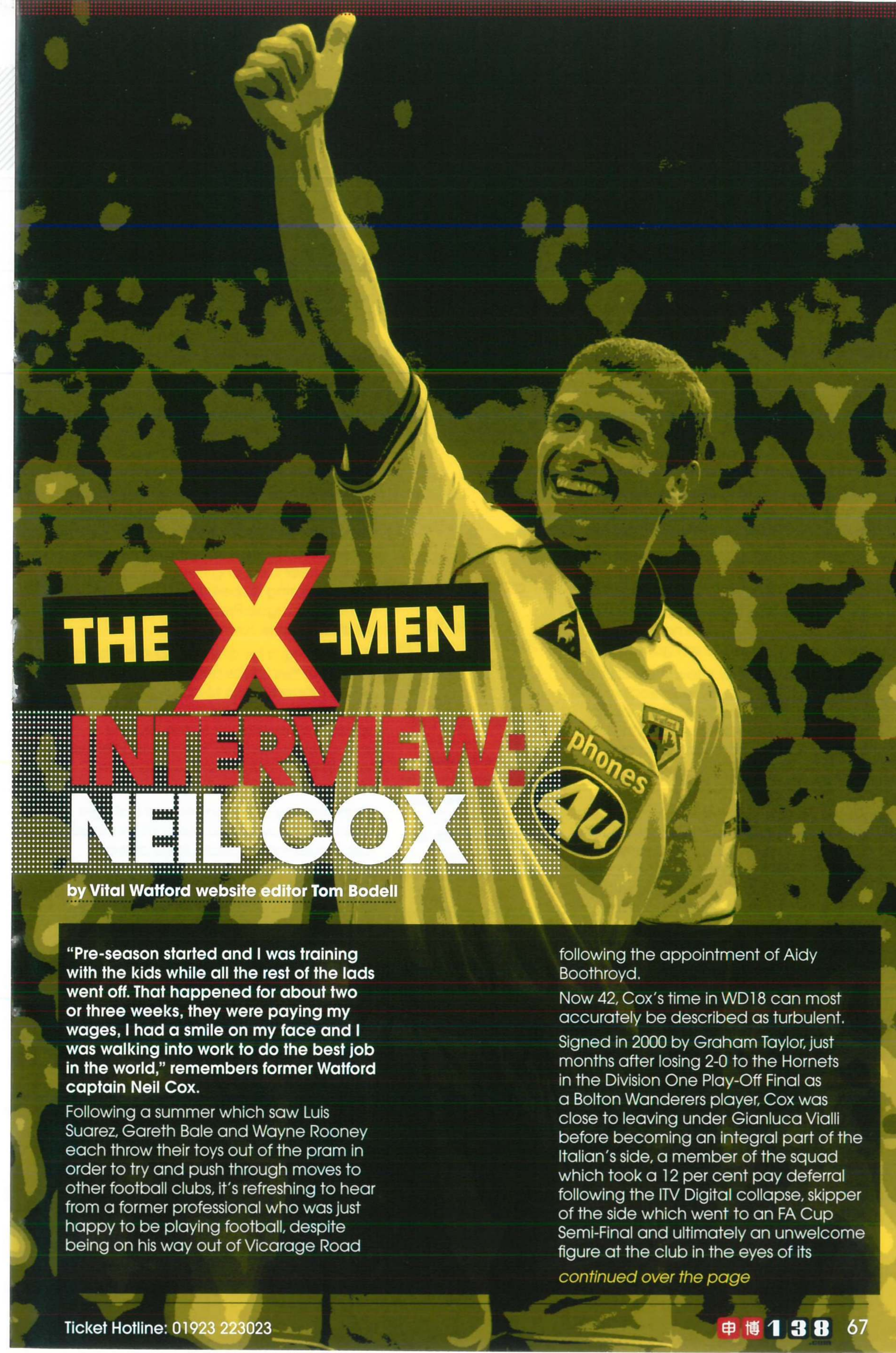
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THE X-MEN

INTERVIEW: NEIL COX

by Vital Watford website editor Tom Bodell

"Pre-season started and I was training with the kids while all the rest of the lads went off. That happened for about two or three weeks, they were paying my wages, I had a smile on my face and I was walking into work to do the best job in the world," remembers former Watford captain Neil Cox.

Following a summer which saw Luis Suarez, Gareth Bale and Wayne Rooney each throw their toys out of the pram in order to try and push through moves to other football clubs, it's refreshing to hear from a former professional who was just happy to be playing football, despite being on his way out of Vicarage Road

following the appointment of Aidy Boothroyd.

Now 42, Cox's time in WD18 can most accurately be described as turbulent.

Signed in 2000 by Graham Taylor, just months after losing 2-0 to the Hornets in the Division One Play-Off Final as a Bolton Wanderers player, Cox was close to leaving under Gianluca Vialli before becoming an integral part of the Italian's side, a member of the squad which took a 12 per cent pay deferral following the ITV Digital collapse, skipper of the side which went to an FA Cup Semi-Final and ultimately an unwelcome figure at the club in the eyes of its

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decision-makers.

In the summer of 2004, Cox resigned as captain of the first-team having held the position for two seasons under Ray Lewington. Future Hornets boss and centre-half partner Sean Dyche would assume the role, but the reasons for the Scunthorpe-born defender's abdication were not made public at the time.

"The problem was that I'd gone in (to see chairman Graham Simpson) to get the money back for the boys because we'd been to two cup semi-finals, but the club weren't happy that I was knocking on the door asking for it back," explains Cox.

"The chairman had decided that they could get £150,000 for me from another club and get rid of me. Ray wasn't happy and a couple of other people at the football club weren't happy. I'd helped the club out and the only reason they were trying to get rid of me was because I was asking for the boys' money.

"The boys got their money back, the Russos paid that, but I was still the one they were trying to sell behind my back. Eventually Ray got me a new contract and I decided to stay, so I got on with it." Cox continues: "Ray knew that not only was I playing well but I was leading and organising the dressing room; making sure people were on time and that everything was professional on and off the pitch. Ray and I got on really well and we still speak now."

The 12 per cent pay deferral came the same week as the Hornets memorably beat Sheffield United 2-1 at Bramall Lane, with Cox – from the penalty spot – and Heidar Helguson scoring within a minute of one another to claim an important win.

"The club had asked me to help them out, which I had no problem doing. We'd arranged for everybody in the club to take a five per cent wage deferral, but Mr Simpson came up to me and said we needed to take 12 per cent, so I had to go back to the players again," recalls Cox.

"It was difficult for the players because it was just before Christmas and the PFA wasn't helping us out, but we eventually took the 12 per cent."

With so many clubs in recent memory collapsing under the strain of financial troubles, it was an impressive feat the Hornets not only managed to remain focused on the field, but put together a run of three straight wins for the first time



that season.

"I think we'd seen a lot of clubs where players weren't getting paid at all and the boys just decided that something was better than nothing," admits Cox.

"Ray had got Terry Burton in and we'd got organised and were hard to beat. We went on runs where we were winning 1-0 or 2-1. We didn't have the best players, but everyone was working for one another and that's why we did so well."

After retirement in 2008 following two seasons at Crewe Alexandra, Cox took

a break from football and moved with his family to Portugal.

Now assisting former Hornets teammate Neal Ardley at AFC Wimbledon, Cox is in no rush to get back into the hot-seat himself after sampling the demands of the role during a spell as manager of Northern League Premier Division One South side Leek Town.

"I was doing a bit of scouting in Portugal for one or two clubs and I'd had one or two opportunities to get back into football when managers had rung me up, but I moved back to the UK and took over as the Leek Town manager just to help them out as I knew one of the directors," says Cox.

"I am looking at management but right now I'm just loving the assistant manager role. I'm letting my mate take all the pressure on his shoulders and I'm there just to back him up! I've known him since I was 18 or 19 and we get on really well, not only as friends but as assistant

CAREER STATS:

Scunthorpe

United ('90-'91):

25 starts + 1 substitute appearance (1 goal)

Aston Villa ('91-'94):

37 + 23 (4)

Middlesbrough ('94-'97): 124 + 4 (4)

Bolton Wanderers

('97-'99): 93 + 4 (8)

Watford ('99-'05):

264 + 4 (20)

Cardiff City ('05-'06):

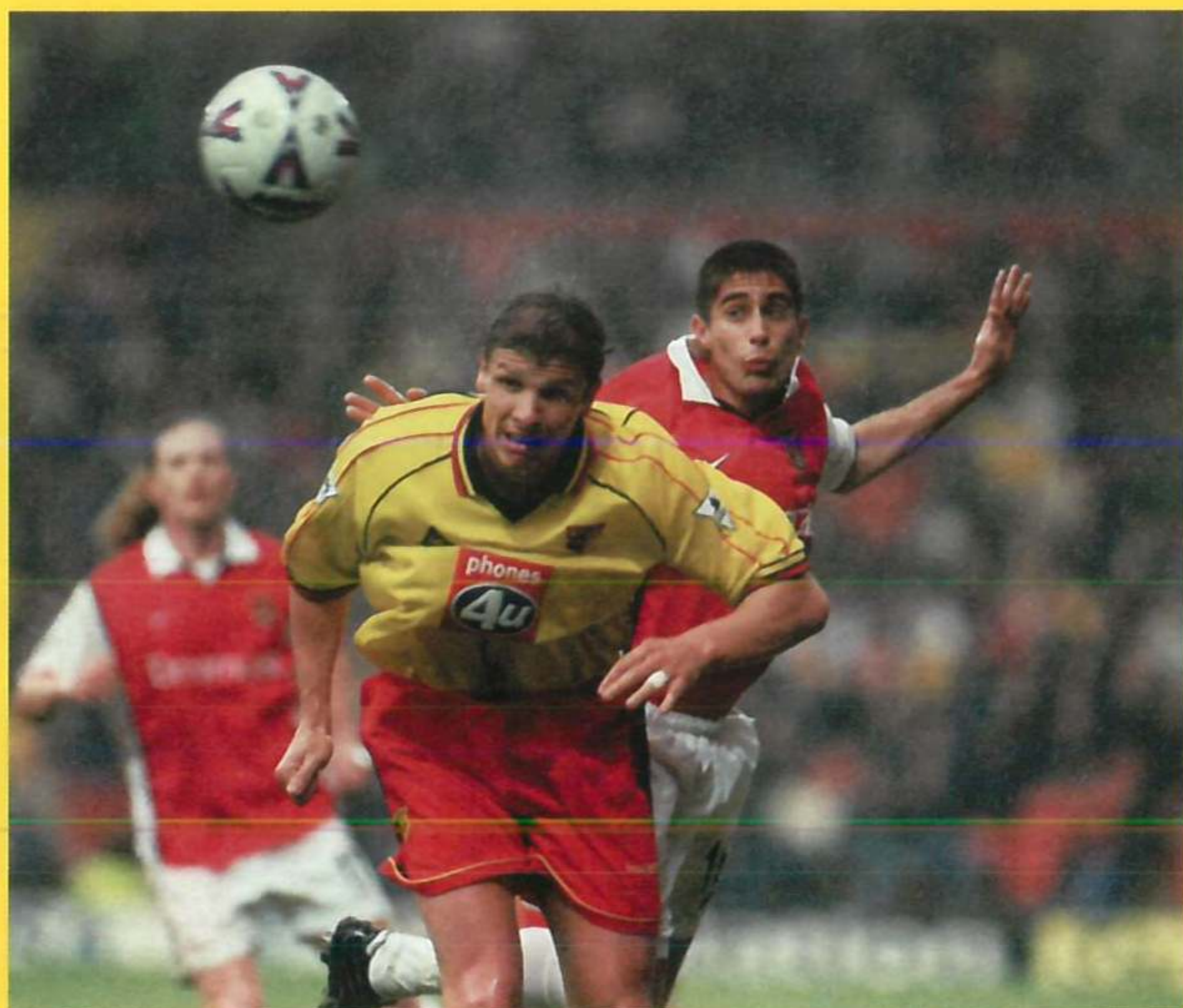
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Crewe Alexandra ('06-'08): 56 + 8 (2)

Leek Town ('10-'11):

4 (0)





manager and manager."

After keeping the Dons in the Football League on the final day of last season, the south Londoners have started the season in the kind of form which suggests they will not be scrapping at the wrong end of the table again in seven months' time.

"We managed to get 11 players out at the end of last season and bring 10 in. We want to get the ball down and play football and pass it, but we didn't have the players in the football club last season so they had to be moved on," says Cox.

"We did a lot of work over the summer in the transfer market and we're just settling down now. We've had a good start and long may that continue."

EX-WATFORD ROUND-UP:

Former Watford striker **JOE GARNER** condemned high-flying Leyton Orient to just their second League 1 defeat of the season as Preston North End beat the Os 1-0.

Garner, who had been without a goal in his first 17 PNE appearances, has now scored four in three.



Young goalkeeper **JACK BONHAM**, who was released by the Hornets in the summer before signing for Brentford, has joined Southern Premier League side Arlesey Town on loan, and made his debut in a 2-0 win over Marlow last Saturday. Bonham has played just 64 minutes in the league for Brentford this season.



A brace from midfielder **JOSH WALKER** helped Gateshead extend their unbeaten run to five matches at the Gateshead International Stadium. Walker struck in the first and 58th minutes to help the Heed Army take a 3-0 lead before Salisbury struck twice late on to reduce the deficit.





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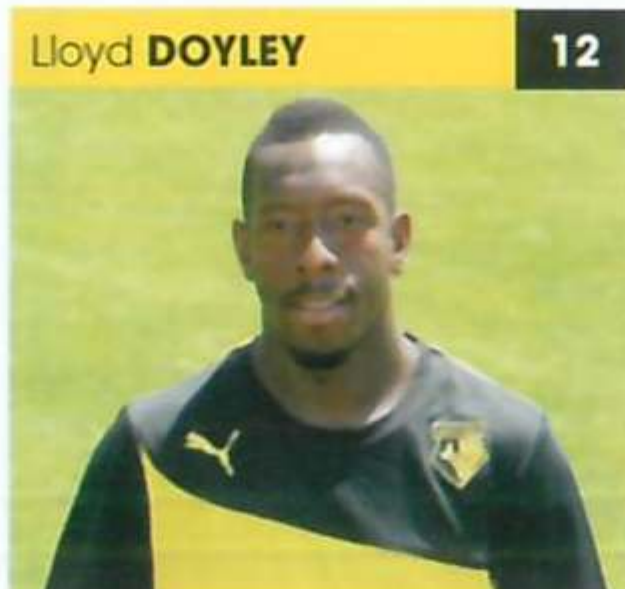
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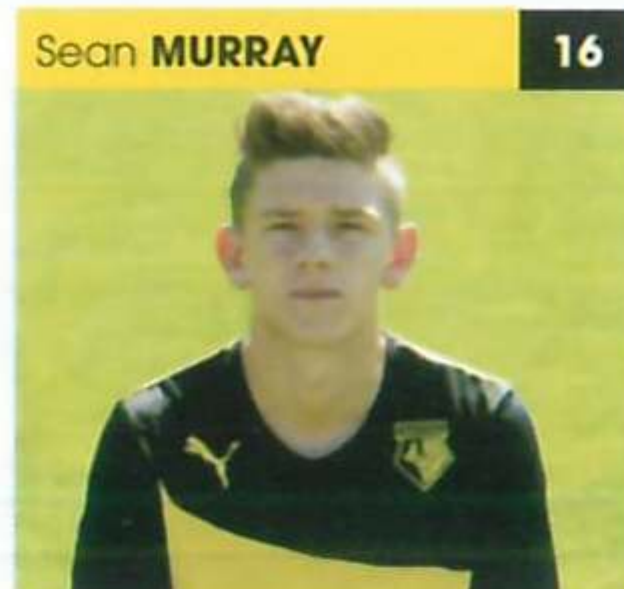
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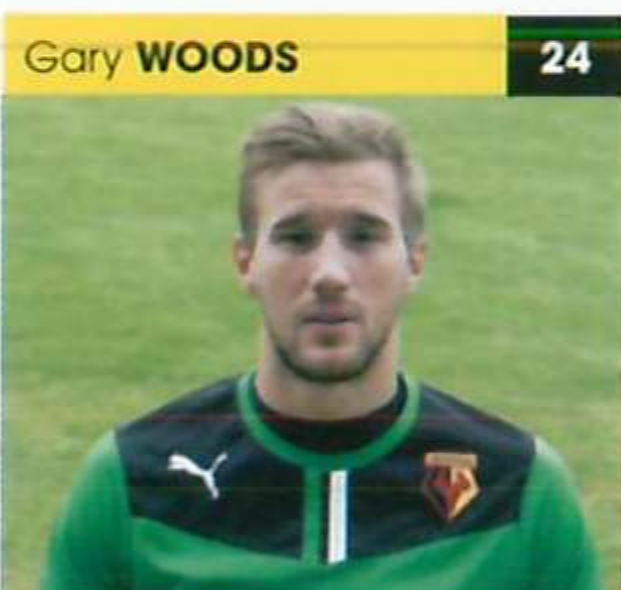
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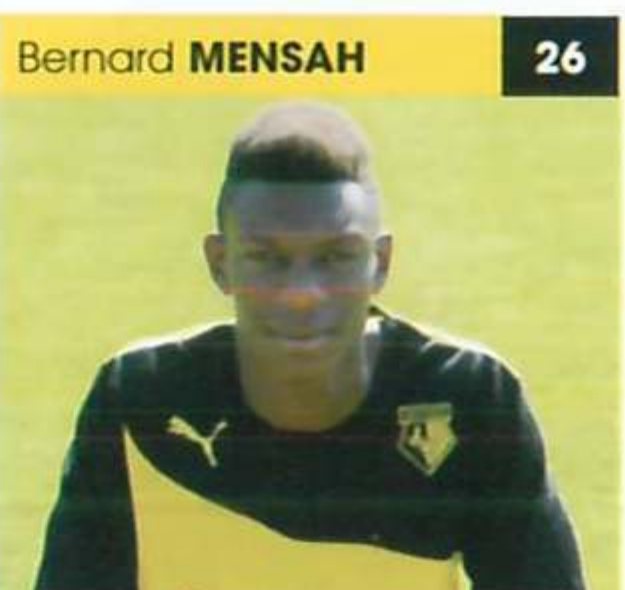
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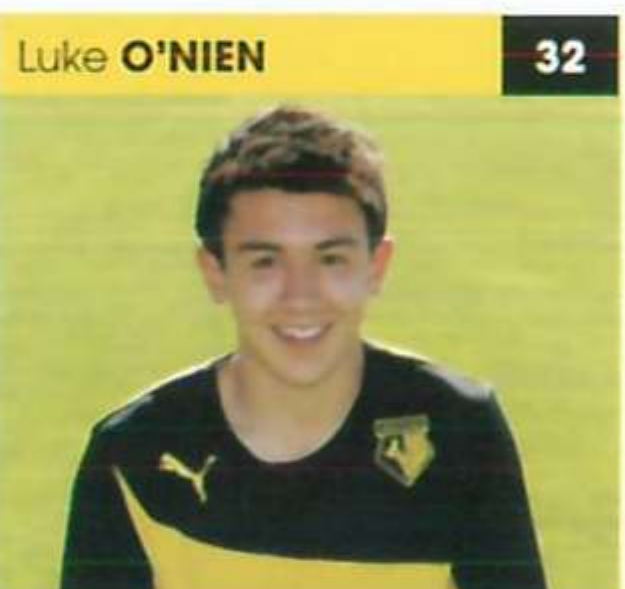
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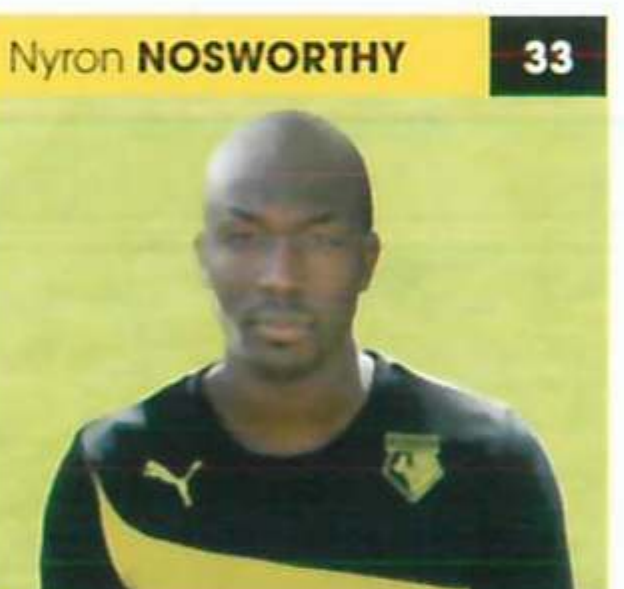
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EARLY CUMBERBATCH VOLLEY SEES HORNETS DEFEAT BEES



YOUTH-TEAM COACH DAVE HUGHES REFLECTS ON MOST-RECENT UNDER- 18S FIXTURE

**BARNET 0
WATFORD 1
November 16**

Watford's Under-18s returned to winning ways thanks to Kurtis Cumberbatch's second-minute strike against Barnet last Saturday.

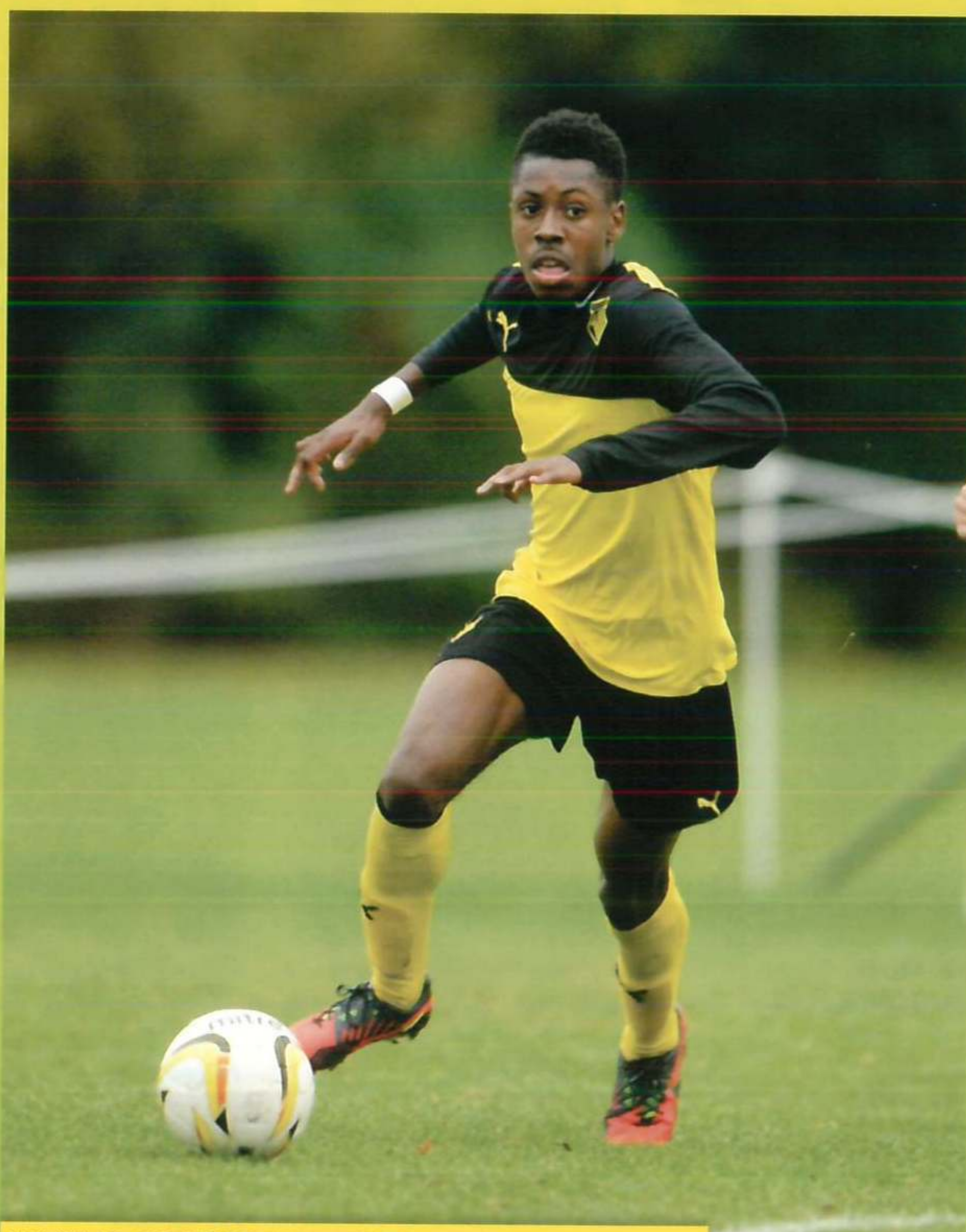
Cumberbatch met a Mahlondo Martin cross to volley home the game's only goal from close range after some good link-up play on Watford's left flank had culminated in Harry Kyprianou switching the ball from left to right.

Speaking after full-time, Hughes said: "We started the game really well and went 1-0 up quite quickly with a great goal from Kurtis – a really cool finish after some great passing and super movement.

"After that we probably had the opportunities to get a little further ahead but we didn't capitalise.

"We were a little bit guilty of failing to work the goalkeeper having created lots of opportunities and we didn't really hit the target as often as we should have done, but there were still some real positives.

"Scoring an early goal was obviously



WINNING GOALSCORER KURTIS CUMBERBATCH

important. Sometimes you score early and it allows you to get into your rhythm, and the lads were obviously in a position to control the game from then onwards.

"There are still little elements where we're seeking further improvement but the lads can be really pleased with the way they worked really hard without possession, tried to influence the opposition and made it difficult for them.

"Their effort and application were very good and I felt we were resolute and looked quite solid."

IN FOCUS: FOUNDATION PHASE

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PROGRAMMES & PEOPLE WHICH MAKE UP THE HORNETS' ACADEMY

THIS WEEK: LEAD FOUNDATION COACH **MARK TIMMINGTON** SPEAKS ABOUT THE FOUNDATION PHASE FOR UNDER-6S TO UNDER-11S – ONE OF THREE PHASES WITHIN THE ACADEMY PROGRAMME (ALONGSIDE THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PHASE FOR UNDER-12S TO UNDER-16S AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PHASE FOR UNDER-17S TO UNDER-21S)



What is the Foundation Phase and who is it for?

The Foundation Phase is for our Under-6s to Under-11s, and we split this section into two groups – pre-Academy players (Under-6s to Under-8s) and signed Academy players (Under-9s to Under-11s). We have about 40 signed Academy players who train three times a week at Harefield and play one game, while the pre-Academy players have two training sessions each week. In both of these groups the key focus is on the players' technical development, while always working under the club's footballing philosophy, brand and style of play, which we refer to as 'The Watford Way'.

How else do the pre-Academy and signed Academy groups differ?

The Under-6s to Under-8s train with us and play in some fixtures that we arrange, but they are free to play for local clubs as well, while the Under-9s to Under-11s can only represent us. The signed Academy players benefit from physio support, sport science, match analysis and feedback, and they also receive full club training kit, tracksuits and kitbags.

What format do matches take and how are they designed to best serve the children's development?

At this stage in their development we play small-sided games with either five, six or seven players per team. The matches are split into four 20-minute quarters and they are played on small pitches with small goals. We find that this structure offers plenty of touches on the ball for each player and generates an environment that provides the right measure of challenge and success.

How do the children become part of this phase in the first place?

We find some of our players

through scouting at local clubs, and often clubs or local coaches nominate players that they feel have the right potential. Some also come to us through the player development centres run by the Watford FC Community Sports & Education Trust, while others just get in touch with us by emailing open.trial@watfordfc.com.

What happens to the players when they reach the end of the programme?

Those players who we think are suitable are offered the chance to progress to the Youth Development Phase for Under-12s to Under-16s, either joining the special daily programme at Harefield Academy or taking part in evening sessions three times a week. In the past the likes of Sean Murray, Luke O'Nien and Bernard Mensah have all started here in the Foundation Phase and gone on to become professionals at Watford, so there is a clear pathway from the Academy through to the first-team.



Another real life story from Peace Hospice Care, and practical information on how you can support this valuable local cause...



Glenn Phillips has a long list of all the things he will never be able to do again. Motor Neurone Disease has robbed him not only of his job, independence and mobility, it has also taken away his great passion for watching live football. But he is now focusing on what he can do. Glenn shares his story, the support he has received from Peace Hospice Care and his determination to raise awareness.

The roar of the crowd, the creek of the turnstiles and the thrill of watching the ball hit the back of the net have all been part of 48-year-old Glenn Phillips' life since childhood. For countless years, Glenn, from Bushey, has sat down beside his brother Gary in his season ticket seat at Tottenham's White Hart Lane to watch the match unfold. Keeping an eye on Watford FC – his local team – has also been an important part of his life.

Goals, great times and the emotional highs and lows of football have run through his Spurs veins for years. But in April 2012, Glenn made his way to White Hart Lane for one last time. He knew he would never be fit enough to be part of the glorious game again.

"I knew it was my last match and I would not be going back to use my seat. My health was against me," stated Glenn. "It was a hard day for me and my brother. Really hard."

Glenn was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND) at 11am on August 18, 2011, at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. It is a date etched in his mind. MND is a progressive debilitating disease that affects two in every 100,000 people. There is no cure and those with MND experience the motor nerves of neurones in the brain and spinal cord being affected, leading to loss of mobility, difficulty with speech, swallowing and breathing.

"I cannot explain the hell I went through for the first two weeks after my diagnosis," said Glenn. "I know there is no way out of Motor Neurone Disease. It will kill me. And I do look at the world so different now. I look at all the simple little things that everyone takes for granted."

GLENN'S LIST



"Soon after my diagnosis I had three holidays to the States with family and friends. We had some great times, but holidays are in the past now. I have a long list of all the things I can't do anymore. Going to Spurs is one of them. Not being able to cook, bath, drive, write, use my computer, wear jeans, or go to the pub are also on my list. I can't even do my own jeans up."

Despite his daily battle and deterioration, Glenn – who was formerly Head of Faculty at Oaklands College Creative Arts – remains strong in mind. Motor Neurone Disease has not taken away his sharp sense of humour or his determination. He is battling on and has a mission to manage MND with help and support.

One part of Glenn's life that continues are his visits to the Starlight Centre at Peace Hospice Care. The centre offers support to people across South West Hertfordshire with a life-limiting illness. It also provides a range of medical, nursing, therapy, social and support services for people from the earliest stage of their illness, aiming to help patients take control and plan ahead.

For one hour every fortnight, Glenn benefits from a deep body massage, social interaction and the rapport he has built with his Complementary Therapist.

"That massage does everything for me," said Glenn. "I hugely look forward to it. I used to be able to drive myself to the Hospice and saw it as a pleasant part of

my week. Now my carer drives me and the massage has become a necessity. An absolute necessity.

"When I first got referred I was not aware that there would be Complementary Therapy available at Peace Hospice Care. But I found out there is so much available. I was given a chance to try it all and find out what suits me. The massage is just right for me. After a massage it is the only time I can feel any sensation in my arms. It reaches the deep tissue and it's wonderful. Plus I get to have a laugh. Socially it is very important. Of all the things I can't do anymore, I will continue to go to the Starlight Centre at Peace Hospice Care."

Glenn will also continue checking the football results, catching up with matches on TV, keeping a close eye on Spurs and Watford. He said: "I have always checked out Watford's results and hoped they do well. They are my local club after all and it was disappointing they didn't go up last season."

In addition to keeping football as part of his life, Glenn has another major aim. He is determined to raise awareness of Motor Neurone Disease and is reaching out to friends, family, football fans and the community to put it on the map locally and nationally.

"This disease is a living nightmare. It is too abstract to believe you are going to die with Motor Neurone Disease," said Glenn.

"I won't be here in a few years' time, but with the time that I have left I want to create awareness. I have been instrumental in launching a local meeting and social group for those with MND. We have our first meeting in December and it will be an important part of a local branch of MND. People like me with MND will have a chance to come together with their carers or family. It's important those with MND have a chance to meet, and I am driving it forward."

Glenn also has inspired his mum to become involved in the Bournemouth group of MND.

He said: "Giving up going to Spurs still hurts and it's hard for me and my brother. Any football fan would understand that, but I try to concentrate on what I can do. I can continue to get support from Peace Hospice Care and raise awareness of Motor Neurone Disease."

"It is my chance to make a difference and reach out to people. My voice is deteriorating. In time there will be more 'can't dos' to add to my list, but I am still determined to communicate and spread awareness. That is my aim. That is what I can do."

To find out about Complementary Therapy and other Day Services at the Starlight Centre at Peace Hospice Care contact 01923 330330.

IT'S PARTY TIME!

What are you doing on Wednesday December 18? Party on at the Pyramids!

A camel rodeo, casino, thrilling entertainment, a fabulous three-course meal, a harem of dancers and a night to remember await you at the Peace Hospice Care 'Party at the Pyramids'.

This Christmas night of fun and celebrations is being held at Aldenham Country Park to support Peace Hospice Care. Bring friends, leave the camel at home, book a table and join in the fun. Tickets cost £45.

For further information call Peace Hospice Care Fundraising Assistant Deborah Crockford on 01923 330349, or follow the links on the Peace Hospice Care website at www.peacehospicecare.org.uk



HOW CAN I SUPPORT PEACE HOSPICE CARE?

Say no to no-shows! If you're a Watford FC Season Ticket holder and can't get to a home game, simply email ticket.office@watfordfc.com with your name, Fan ID and seat details and the club will release your seat, with the profit on re-sale being split evenly between Peace Hospice Care and the Hornets' Community Sports & Education Trust.

FANTASY-TIC

MR FOX

IAN FOX is still leading the way as the Hornets' Fun Fantasy League begins to take shape for the 2013/14 season.

His high-octane octet - Spurs, Southampton, Blackpool, Burnley, Leyton Orient, Walsall, Oxford United and Southend United - are leading the way with 296 points, 14 clear of nearest rival Andy Holman.

Once all final entry queries have been resolved (please get in touch if we've left you a message recently!) then we'll start to feature - as ever - those doing best in the Fun Fantasy League stakes, hoping to give several more Hornets' fans their five minutes of fame.

For now then, here are the full Fun Fantasy League 2013/14 standings which represent points & goal difference earned up to and including Sunday November 17.



Jermain Defoe is happy - Spurs are among those leading the way

Pos.	Player	Pts.	Pos.	Player	Pts.
UP TO & INCLUDING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2013					
1	Ian Fox	296	72	Henry Shapiro	240
2	Andy Holman	282	72	Julie Tompkins	240
3	Gary Rumsey	277	75	Linda Horne	239
4	David Arrighi	276	75	Matt Churchill	239
4	Stuart Pratt	276	75	Matthew Bentote	239
6	Tim Hume	272	75	Nick Botten	239
7	Ryan Finn	271	75	Ray Cashmore	239
8	Simon Badham	270	80	Adrian Burrows	238
9	Huw Venables	269	80	David Northcott	238
10	Nigel Finn	267	80	Mark Tiller	238
10	Sean Lilley	267	83	Dan Conroy	237
12	Chris Hogg	266	83	Eddie Ferguson	237
13	Peter Morgan	265	83	Roy Taylor	237
14	Mike Halloran	264	83	Stuart Bower	237
15	Chris Lord	263	87	Stephen Brooks	236
15	Cliff Moore	263	88	Andy Charleton	235
15	Nigel Lilley	263	88	Jane Groom	235
18	Kevin Scally	262	88	John Holman	235
19	Graeme Free	260	88	Jon Bailiss	235
20	Matthew Nelson	259	88	Martin Deebank	235
20	Sara Dewson	259	88	Matthew Mesiano	235
22	Keith Smithson	258	88	Stuart Cashmore	235
22	Robert Marum	258	95	Gerald Ahern	234
24	Jeff Seymour	257	95	Paul Stewart	234
25	John Hargreaves	256	95	Steve Brown	234
25	Mark Wilson	256	98	Astrid Shapiro	233
25	Martin Sellman	256	98	Julian Bingham	233
25	Nicky Bracey	256	98	Karen Ward	233
25	Thomas Ahern	256	101	Andrew Moore	232
30	John Symonds	254	101	Graham Timms	232
31	Daniel Phillips	253	101	Josh Morris	232
31	Gary Chappell	253	101	Sarah Seymour	232
31	John Prentice	253	105	David Cuthbert	231
31	Paul Wilson	253	105	Elliot Pearson	231
31	Terry Fox	253	105	Kevin Carruthers	231
36	Richard Whittall	252	105	Mark Godman	231
37	Guy Matthews	251	105	Maureen Ricketts	231
37	John Grafton	251	105	Paul Holden	231
37	Ross Avvinti	251	111	Andy Watt	230
37	Will Edwards	251	111	Chris Gomm	230
41	Bill Higgins	250	111	Derek Mitchell	230
41	Jenny Sullivan	250	111	Gary Wilson	230
41	Julian Beckman	250	111	Nathan Horbury	230
41	Stuart Finn	250	111	Tim Roberts	230
45	Lester Ferguson	249	117	Duncan Castle	229
46	David Gentry	247	117	Stefan Swift	229
46	David Hughes	247	117	Westlie Wheeler	229
46	Jack Munday	247	120	Brenda Collett	228
46	Thomas Wilson	247	120	Cathy Conroy	228
50	Barbara Sellman	246	120	Jean Stewart	228
50	Maura Pigram	246	120	Julian Collett	228
50	Nick Monastero	246	120	Ray Hogg	228
50	Simon Green	246	120	Reg Smith	228
54	Len Parker	245	126	James Duncombe	227
54	Robert Ferguson	245	126	Owen Thake	227
54	Simon Appleton	245	128	George Edwards	226
57	Barry Ormerod	244	126	Hugh Simpson	226
57	Richard Taylor	244	126	Kelly Mills	226
57	Steve Crouch	244	126	Matt Turner	226
60	Henry Cox	243	126	Trevor Bailey	226
60	Jon Marks	243	133	Martin Hymers	225
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65	Colin Venables	241	139	David Hawkes	223
65	Ian Ayres	241	140	Mark Munday	222
65	Kevin Page	241	141	Paul Weller	221
65	Neville Smith	241	141	Terry Smith	221
65	Steve Benjamin	241	143	Chris Fitzgerald	220
72	Angus Mathie	240	143	Leon Winsky	220

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143	Peter Mesiano	220
146	Karl Campion	219
146	Matthew Parsons	219
146	Reece Hammond	219
146	Tony Burgess	219
150	Andy Penn	218
150	David Gomm	218
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356	Tommy Brooks	164
361	Gary Gravatt	163
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364	Christine Joiner	162
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369	Elizabeth Hannaby	159
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369	Tony Marum	159
373	Brian Bustard	158
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Yeovil Town

Saturday November 30, 2013, 3pm

Vicarage Road

TICKET PRICES:

Rookery / Lower Rous

£26 Adult, £15 Concession (65 & Over, Young Adult (16-19), Student), £10 Under-16

Upper Rous

£31 Adult, £18 Concession (65 & Over, Young Adult (16-19), Student), £13 Under-16

Wheelchair Area - Lower Rous

£26 Adult £15 Concession (65 & Over, Young Adult (16-19), Student), £10 Under-16, plus carer free of charge.

Wheelchair Area - Rookery

£15 Adult, £5 all concessions, plus carer free of charge.

Booking fee charges apply (per ticket): 50p online, £1 over phone.

TICKETS ARE ON GENERAL SALE over phone, on the web and in person at The Hornets Shop

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Sheffield Wednesday

Saturday December 14, 2013, 3pm

Vicarage Road

TICKET PRICES:

Rookery / Lower Rous

£26 Adult, £15 Concession (65 & Over, Young Adult (16-19), Student), £10 Under-16

Upper Rous

£31 Adult, £18 Concession (65 & Over, Young Adult (16-19), Student), £13 Under-16

Wheelchair Area - Lower Rous

£26 Adult £15 Concession (65 & Over, Young Adult (16-19), Student), £10 Under-16, plus carer free of charge.

Wheelchair Area - Rookery

£15 Adult, £5 all concessions, plus carer free of charge.

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AWAY



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Burnley

Tuesday December 3, 2013, 7.45pm

Turf Moor

TICKET PRICES:

£24 Adult, £14 Over-65 and Under-22, £5 Under-18*

Wheelchair & Ambulant disabled prices as per categories (plus carer free of charge)

*Only available in advance

CLUB COACH TRAVEL:

Places cost £30 and must be booked in advance. Coaches leave Greenhill Crescent at 1.15pm then call at Vicarage Road five minutes later.

Note: Disabled supporters wishing to travel by club coach should call the Ticket Office Hotline as soon as possible.

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AWAY



sky BET CHAMPIONSHIP

Leeds United

Saturday December 7, 2013, 3pm

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WATFORD FC FIRST TEAM PLAYER STATISTICS 2013-14
UP TO & INCLUDING SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2013 V MIDDLESBROUGH

	sky BET Championship			Capital One Cup			FA Cup			2013/14 Total			Watford Career		
	App	Sub	Gl	App	Sub	Gl	App	Sub	Gl	App	Sub	Gl	App	Sub	Gl
01 Almunia	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	58	0	0
02 Brown	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	0
04 Angella	15	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	16	1	3	16	1	3
05 Belkalem	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	5	2	0
06 Ekstrand	8	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	0	44	4	1
07 Battocchio	2	5	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	5	5	2	21	14	4
08 McEachran	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	5	2	0
09 Deeney	14	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	1	7	101	43	42
10 McGugan	15	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	1	5	15	1	5
11 Forestieri	11	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	5	4	32	17	12
12 Dooley	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	1	0	382	39	2
15 Acuna	2	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	5	4	1	5	4	1
16 Murray	6	5	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	9	5	4	36	15	12
18 Pudil	9	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	2	50	4	3
19 Faraoni	10	3	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	13	3	3	13	3	3
20 Fabbrini	4	8	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	8	1	6	8	1
21 Anya	10	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	3	1	32	10	5
22 Abdi	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	45	4	12
23 Iriney	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	0	11	2	0
24 Woods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 Ikpeazu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26 Mensah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27 Casetti	9	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	10	2	0	50	4	0
28 Smith	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	5	6	0
29 Thorne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 Bond	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	13	2	0
31 Hoban	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	1	2
32 O'Nien	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33 Nosworthy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	1	2
Jenkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	17	2
Thompson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	1

WATFORD FC ACADEMY UNDER-18 TEAM
FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE
SOUTH-EAST & FA YOUTH CUP
FIXTURES & RESULTS 2013/14

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES.	SCORE
Fri Aug 16	AFC Wimbledon	W	2-1
Sat Aug 24	Crawley Town	W	4-3
Tue Aug 27	Peterborough 2pm	L	1-2
Sat Aug 31	Dag & Red	W	7-0
Sat Sep 7	Portsmouth (YA Cup)	D	2-2
Sat Sep 14	Stevenage	L	2-3
Sat Sep 21	Luton Town	W	1-0
Sat Sep 28	Crawley Town (YA Cup)	L	3-1
Sat Oct 12	Northampton Town	D	2-2
Sat Oct 19	Barnet (YA Cup)	W	3-0
Sat Oct 26	AFC Wimbledon (YA Cup)	W	3-0
Fri Nov 1	MK Dons 12.30pm	W	2-1
Sat Nov 9	Peterborough Utd	L	0-2
Sat Nov 16	Barnet	W	1-0
Sat Nov 23	Colchester United		
Sat Dec 14	Stevenage		
Sat Jan 11	Luton Town		
Sat Jan 18	Northampton Town		
Sat Feb 8	MK Dons		
Sat Feb 22	Barnet		
Sat Mar 1	Colchester United		
Sat Mar 15	Gillingham		
Sat Mar 22	Leyton Orient		
Sat Apr 5	Portsmouth		
Sat Apr 12	Southend United		

All home games will be played at UCL London Colney, kick-off 10.30am. Fixtures are subject to late change and postponement. Check watfordfc.com before travelling.

Player Out on Loan

WATFORD FC FIRST-TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE UP TO & INCLUDING NOVEMBER 21, 2013

TEAM	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Burnley	15	5	3	0	15	4	5	1	1	12	6	+17	34
2 Leicester City	15	6	1	1	13	8	4	1	2	11	7	+9	32
3 QPR	15	6	1	0	10	2	3	4	1	7	6	+9	32
4 Blackpool	15	4	3	1	10	7	3	3	1	9	7	+5	27
5 Nottingham Forest	15	4	2	1	11	6	3	3	2	12	10	+7	26
6 Reading	15	4	4	0	14	7	2	2	3	9	11	+5	24
7 Watford	15	3	2	2	13	10	3	3	2	14	10	+7	23
8 Leeds United	15	4	1	2	12	6	3	1	4	10	12	+4	23
9 Derby County	15	2	3	3	13	14	4	1	2	16	9	+6	22
10 Wigan Athletic	14	4	3	0	12	7	2	1	4	5	5	+5	22
11 Brighton & Hove Albion	15	3	3	2	13	9	2	3	2	5	5	+4	21
12 Ipswich Town	15	4	1	2	12	6	1	4	3	11	14	+3	20
13 Blackburn Rovers	15	4	1	2	11	5	1	3	4	9	14	+1	19
14 AFC Bournemouth	15	4	0	3	11	10	1	3	4	10	20	-9	18
15 Huddersfield Town	15	3	3	2	14	11	1	2	4	5	8	0	17
16 Middlesbrough	15	2	5	1	17	11	1	2	4	8	13	+1	16
17 Bolton Wanderers	15	1	5	2	9	9	2	2	3	7	12	-5	16
18 Birmingham City	15	2	1	4	10	7	2	1	5	7	15	-5	14
19 Charlton Athletic	14	1	3	3	5	8	2	2	3	7	10	-6	14
20 Millwall	15	2	2	3	10	12	1	3	4	8	19	-13	14
21 Doncaster Rovers	14	2	1	4	7	11	1	3	3	5	12	-11	13
22 Sheffield Wednesday	14	1	3	2	10	9	0	5	3	7	14	-6	11
23 Barnsley	15	2	4	2	10	16	0	1	6	6	15	-15	11
24 Yeovil Town	15	1	1	6	4	10	1	2	4	5	12	-13	9

WATFORD FIXTURES & RESULTS 2013/14



							Almunia	Brown		Angella	Belkalem	Ekstrand	Battocchio	McEachran	Deeney	McGugan	Forestieri	Doyley	
Date	K/O	Opponent	Res.	Pos.	Att.	Away	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
AUGUST 2013																			
Sat 3	3.00pm	Birmingham City	W	1-0	8	18,830	2,701												
Tue 6	7.45pm	Bristol Rovers (CAP R1)	W	3-1	n/a	4,875	679												
Sat 10	3.00pm	AFC Bournemouth	W	6-1	1	16,295	1,605												
Sat 17	3.00pm	Reading	D	3-3	2	20,875	3,460												
Sun 25	1.15pm	Nottingham Forest	D	1-1	5	16,242	1,623												
Wed 28	7.45pm	AFC Bournemouth (CAP R2)	W	2-0*	n/a	9,824	509												
Sat 31	3.00pm	Blackpool	L	0-1	7	13,345	1175												
SEPTEMBER 2013																			
Sat 14	3.00pm	Charlton Athletic	D	1-1	9	16,431	1,784												
Tue 17	7.45pm	Doncaster Rovers	W	2-1	6	13,998	290												
Sat 21	3.00pm	Barnsley	W	5-1	5	9,850	846												
Tue 24	7.45pm	Norwich City (CAP R3)	L	2-3 A	n/a	11,178	1,841												
Sat 28	3.00pm	Wigan	W	1-0	4	14,999	425												
OCTOBER 2013																			
Tue 01	7.45pm	Blackburn Rovers	L	0-1	7	12,981	500												
Sat 05	3.00pm	Huddersfield Town	W	2-1	5	14,311	950												
Sat 19	3.00pm	Derby County	L	2-3	7	16,180	1,550												
Mon 28	7.45pm	Brighton & Hove Albion	D	1-1	7	27,657	1,256												
NOVEMBER 2013																			
Sat 02	12.15pm	Leicester City	L	0-3	7	16,011	1,561												
Sat 09	3.00pm	Middlesbrough	D	2-2	7	14,344	625												
Sat 23	3.00pm	Bolton Wanderers																	
Sat 30	3.00pm	Yeovil Town																	
DECEMBER 2013																			
Tue 03	7.45pm	Burnley																	
Sat 07	3.00pm	Leeds United																	
Sat 14	3.00pm	Sheffield Wednesday																	
Sat 21	3.00pm	Ipswich Town																	
Thu 26	1.00pm	Millwall																	
Sun 29	3.00pm	Queens Park Rangers																	
JANUARY 2014																			
Wed 01	5.30pm	Yeovil Town																	
Sat 04*		The FA Cup R3																	
Sat 11	3.00pm	Reading																	
Sat 18	3.00pm	AFC Bournemouth																	
Sat 25	3.00pm	Birmingham City (FAC4)																	
Thu 30	7.45pm	Nottingham Forest																	
FEBRUARY 2014																			
Sat 01	3.00pm	Brighton & Hove Albion																	
Sat 08	3.00pm	Leicester City																	
Sat 15	3.00pm	Middlesbrough (FAC5)																	
Sat 22	3.00pm	Bolton Wanderers																	
MARCH 2014																			
Sat 01	3.00pm	Blackpool																	
Sat 08	3.00pm	Charlton (FACQF)																	
Tue 11	7.45pm	Doncaster Rovers																	
Sat 15	3.00pm	Barnsley																	
Sat 22	3.00pm	Wigan Athletic																	
Tue 25	7.45pm	Blackburn Rovers																	
Sat 29	3.00pm	Sheffield Wednesday																	
APRIL 2014																			
Sat 05	3.00pm	Burnley																	
Tue 08	7.45pm	Leeds United																	
Sat 12	3.00pm	Millwall (FAC SF)																	
Sat 19	3.00pm	Ipswich Town																	
Mon 21	3.00pm	Queens Park Rangers																	
Sat 26	3.00pm	Derby County																	
MAY 2014																			
Sat 03	TBC	Huddersfield Town																	
Sat 17	TBC	The FA Cup Final																	

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Head Coach **Gianfranco Zola**

- 1 Manuel **ALMUNIA**
- 2 Reece **BROWN**
- 4 Gabriele **ANGELLA**
- 5 Essaid **BELKALEM**
- 6 Joel **EKSTRAND**
- 7 Cristian **BATTOCCHIO**
- 8 Josh **McEACHRAN**
- 9 Troy **DEENEY**
- 10 Lewis **McGUGAN**
- 11 Fernando **FORESTIERI**
- 12 Lloyd **DOYLEY**
- 15 Javier **ACUNA**
- 16 Sean **MURRAY**
- 18 Daniel **PUDIL**
- 19 Davide **FARAONI**
- 20 Diego **FABBRINI**
- 21 Ikechi **ANYA**
- 22 Almen **ABDI**
- 23 **IRINEY**
- 24 Gary **WOODS**
- 25 Uche **IKPEAZU**
- 26 Bernard **MENSAH**
- 27 Marco **CASSETTI**
- 28 Connor **SMITH**
- 29 George **THORNE**
- 30 Jonathan **BOND**
- 31 Tommie **HOBAN**
- 32 Luke **O'NIEN**
- 33 Nyron **NOSWORTHY**

■ Player Out on Loan



Bolton Wanderers

Manager **Dougie Freedman**

	Age	2013/14 apps (goals)	Joined from
○ 1	Ádám BOGDÁN	26	12 + 0 (0) Vasas (2007)
○ 2	Tyrone MEARS	30	3 + 0 (0) Burnley (2011)
○ 4	Matt MILLS	27	11 + 0 (0) Leicester (2012)
○ 5	Tim REAM	26	12 + 0 (0) NY Red Bulls (2012)
○ 6	Jay SPEARING	24	14 + 0 (0) Liverpool (2013)
○ 7	Chris EAGLES	28	6 + 2 (1) Burnley (2011)
○ 8	Keith ANDREWS	33	1 + 1 (0) West Brom (2012)
○ 9	David N'GOG	24	9 + 3 (1) Liverpool (2011)
○ 10	Jermaine BECKFORD	29	11 + 5 (5) Leicester (2013)
○ 11	Robert HALL	20	6 + 5 (2) West Ham (2013)
○ 12	Zat KNIGHT	33	8 + 4 (0) Aston Villa (2009)
○ 14	André MORITZ	27	0 + 6 (1) C Palace (2013)
○ 15	Alex BAPTISTE	27	16 + 1 (3) Blackpool (2013)
○ 16	Mark DAVIES	25	0 + 0 (0) Wolves (2009)
○ 17	Kevin McNAUGHTON	31	6 + 0 (0) Cardiff (loan)
○ 18	Neil DANNS	30	6 + 0 (1) Leicester (loan)
○ 19	Marvin SORDELL	22	0 + 0 (0) Watford (2012)
○ 20	Joe RILEY	22	0 + 0 (0) Academy
○ 21	Darren PRATLEY	28	10 + 0 (2) Swansea (2011)
○ 22	Stuart HOLDEN	28	0 + 0 (0) Houston D. (2010)
○ 23	Marc TIERNEY	28	9 + 0 (0) Norwich (2013)
○ 24	Andy LONERGAN	30	5 + 0 (0) Leeds (2012)
○ 25	Josh VELA	19	1 + 0 (0) Academy
○ 27	Chung-Yong LEE	25	12 + 3 (0) FC Seoul (2009)
○ 28	Craig DAVIES	27	2 + 6 (0) Barnsley (2013)
○ 29	Ján GREGUŠ	22	0 + 0 (0) Banik Ostrava (loan)
○ 30	Michael O'HALLORAN	22	0 + 0 (0) Academy
○ 31	David WHEATER	26	7 + 0 (0) Middlesbrough (2011)
○ 32	Tom EAVES	21	1 + 0 (0) Oldham (2010)
○ 33	Hayden WHITE	28	0 + 0 (0) Portsmouth (2011)
○ 34	Jay LYNCH	19	0 + 0 (0) Man Utd (2010)
○ 36	Cian BOLGER	21	0 + 0 (0) Leicester (2013)
○ 37	Arran LEE-BARRETT	29	0 + 0 (0) Millwall (2013)
○ 38	Sanmi ODELUSI	20	2 + 4 (2) Reading (2009)
○ 44	MEDO	26	14 + 1 (1) Partizan (2013)
○ 45	Tom YOUNGS	19	0 + 1 (0) Academy

Match officials

- Referee **Brendan Malone**
- Assistant referee **Ian Fissenden**
- Assistant referee **Neil Davies**
- Fourth official **Elliott Kaye**

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A Christmas Lunch



GRAHAM TAYLOR
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FRIDAY DECEMBER 13
AT 12PM

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Watford FC is delighted to welcome Honorary Life President Graham Taylor to Vicarage Road for a very special Christmas Lunch event.

He will be joined by three former players from his two spells as Hornets' manager, two of whom also took up coaching roles under his management: Steve Harrison, Luther Blissett and Richard Johnson.

Table of 10: £550+ VAT. Individual places: £60+VAT. Early booking recommended. For sales or more info: 01923 496006 or sales@watfordfc.com

